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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

8:15 A.M. First Worship Hour  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship Hour  
"Parent and Infant Dedication"  
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir  
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11

12:00 Noon Rebecca Group  
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

6:00 P.M. Ogilvie Event in  
Huntington  
7:30 P.M. Search Committee

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

6:45 P.M. Starshine  
7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Marlene  
Crouse, 1539 Lakehurst Dr.  
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Becky  
Stucky, 4212 Wayne Trace

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. Elder's Retreat at  
Thompsons in Huntington

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:  
CRACKERS, PEANUT BUTTER,  
POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT,  
CANNED FRUIT

## DR. THOMPSON PREACHING IN BOTH WORSHIP HOURS SUNDAY

Dr. Maurice Thompson will be preaching in both the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours this Sunday. Rev. Gary Nunnally will assist.

There will be special music by both soloist in the 8:15 Hour and the Chancel Choir in the 10:45 hour.

There will be a special service of Presentation of Children and Dedication of Parents in the 10:45 A.M. Hour. This is a special time for families with very young children as well as the congregation. We share in the parent's joy and commitment to the child and his/her spiritual growth.

Worship is a celebration of who we are -- children of God -- will you be here to join us in praise of our Life in Him?

### A CHRISTIAN IS:

A Mind, through which Christ thinks.

A Heart, through which Christ loves.

A Voice, through which Christ speaks.

A Hand, through which Christ lifts.

-- copied.

## SERVING JANUARY 10

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and  
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and  
Glenn Miller

### DIACONATE AND GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Olson-SW, J. Hendricks-NW, M. Busse, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, N. Lucas-NW, B. Kerley-SE, B. Norman-NE, T. Harter, K. Flickinger, S. Knuckles, H. Stevenson

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Laura York

## IN HOSPITALS

### ST. JOSEPH:

429 Mrs. Florence Griffith

### LUTHERAN:

465 Mrs. Mildred Sarrazin

### PARKVIEW:

412 Mr. Robert Rayl

## VISITORS IN WORSHIP

*(Our first-time worship visitors  
this past Sunday were:)*

Greg Hilkey, 5710 Fernwood

Gwen Fields, 717 Kinnaird

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fisher,

4320 Marquette Dr.

Mr. & Mrs. Jon Jenkins, Mason,  
Michigan

It has been good to see family members from out-of-town visiting us during the holidays! It is good to have you! We welcome all visitors and encourage them to come back and worship and study with us often!

## A REMINDER TO THE BOARD!

As we announced last week in THE TIDINGS, the meeting of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES will take place on MONDAY, JANUARY 11 (please note this change in night for this month only) at 7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room. All members of the Board are urged to be present! Important business of the congregation needs to be transacted!

## COFFEE-HOUR SIGN UP

It's time to sign-up for hosting Coffee Hours in 1982! There is a sign-up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall for this purpose. If you missed it on Sunday, call the church office to volunteer for this important function. Remember, if we all take a turn during the year, no burden is placed on anyone and we all enjoy the opportunity for fellowship after the 10:45 Worship Hour. Opal Carper is serving as Coffee Hour Coordinator this year. Our thanks to Sandy Zimmerman who served in that capacity for two years.

## THANK YOU TO CONGREGATION...

Dear First Christians:

Thanks to the carolers and for the lovely poinsettia plant. They helped greatly to make our Christmas happy.

Best Wishes to all at First Christian for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Hazel Cleaver

"Do right or you'll be left."



## A MOMENT WITH MAURICE. . .

In this first TIDINGS of 1982, I greet you with joyous expectance of what is going to happen at First Christian Church this year, and hopefully in your heart and home! I continue to be grateful for this rare privilege of sharing with you.

Avis and I express to you and the Board of Trustees our appreciation for your arranging for us a holiday period with our family on the West Coast, and our thanks to Gary, the Staff, and many others who "carried the ball" so wonderfully in our absence.

I have come to love this church, which is also yours. I believe in her mission, and I have faith in her people to keep her a "glorious church." I know that together, with each person saying and doing and being what good Christians should, this church in 1982 will even more be a growing, thriving, witnessing, serving fellowship.

A look at growing churches, one of which I was involved in during the holidays, reveals seven recurring features:

1. Bible preaching (The gospel is God's power for salvation.)
2. Emphasis on Evangelism (To win others is our business.)
3. Changing Fellowship Groups (The church is one great family, with every member knowing, loving, sharing with every other member.)
4. Opportunities to Express Commitment. (Worship brings renewal at the Lord's Table, and ends in commitment.)
5. Imported Leadership. (Ministers are called from elsewhere, and on occasion 'outside leaders' share with the congregation.)
6. Specialities in Ministry. (The ministers and staff are trained specialists, each working best in his own area.)
7. A minister, supported by a staff and leaders, who love the Lord, and who like people. (This church has a heritage of ministers who have loved people, each in his own way and style, and he to be called soon will also be the same:)

If you know of a better place to meet Jesus and me than in church next Sunday morning, let me know!

With His love and mine,

*Maurice*

P.S. In 1982 let us truly be the Lord's Church together!

## YOU...TH NEWS

This Sunday, both youth groups will begin a NEW study. CYF will begin "Working Thru My Hangups" and Chi Rho will be studying "Spiritual Basics: New Life in Christ", both Serendipity studies.

In two weeks, on January 17, both youth groups will be going to Pokagan (if the snow lasts!) to go tobogganing and to have a day of fun and fellowship. Those interested PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR THE OLSONS so that we will know how many cars to take. More information about this trip will be in next week's Tidings.

### THE YOUTH SAY THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who came to the youth sponsored All-Church Christmas luncheon on December 20. The youth cleared \$173.55 on that day! This money will go toward the youth Retreat In Motion event scheduled for this coming summer.


### PAPER DRIVE

SATURDAY ---- JANUARY 30

The Youth -- Chi Rho and CYF will be having a Paper Drive. All Church members and friends are encouraged to bring your paper to the church or call the church office so that the youth may pick up paper on January 30. All proceeds from this drive will go to the R.I.M. Trip scheduled this summer.

## MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JANUARY 10-16, 1982

Myrtle DeVinney (10)  
Gwynth Rice (10)   
Mike Callahan (10)  
Carolyn (Hendricks) King (11)  
Julie (Quinn) Cooke (11)  
Bev Hudlow (13)  
Jeanne Feltenberger (13)  
Mark Lehman (13)  
James Fick (13)  
Rychie Smell (13)  
Irene (Current) Fox (14)  
Loretta Orr (14)  
John Roush (14)  
Mike Mullen (15)  
Jefferson Young (15)

### CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS??...

#### NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE

Some may not be aware that when the Post Office returns the Tidings to us because the person to whom it was addressed has moved, we must pay a 44¢ fee. You can help us--when you know you are moving, phone us your new address ahead of time and we will correct it for you. A note to persons going out of state temporarily during the winter--we will be glad to send the Tidings to you while you are gone--just let us know the address and how long you will be there!

### NOTICE THE OUTREACH BULLETIN

#### BOARD AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE!

The Outreach & Service Committee is featuring persons in our congregation who reach-out in some kind of "personal outreach". We are currently featuring Bruce Lehman. Check it out!



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## SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING JANUARY 22!

We are happy to announce that by unanimous decision of the Search Committee and the Board of Trustees, we present to you a person for the position of Senior Pastor of First Christian Church. The person has been thoroughly interviewed by the Search Committee and meets all the requirements as established in the "profile" that was developed with the assistance of the congregation.

Our schedule for a meeting to review this person is as follows:

JANUARY 21 THURSDAY: 7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees, Elders and Board of Diaconate assemble in the parlor to meet proposed candidate and wife.

JANUARY 22 FRIDAY: 6:00 P.M. All-Church Pitch-in Dinner for the formal introduction and mutual consideration between candidate and the Church. A written ballot will be taken for consideration of the call. The candidate has expressed willingness to come to our congregation if called.

### FOOD TO BE PROVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

- A - E -- Meat casserole
- F - J -- Vegetables
- K - P -- Desserts
- Q - Z -- Salads

The rolls and beverage will be provided. Bring table service. All members and our friends are urged to attend. There will be child care provided for pre-schoolers during the business meeting.

# SERVING JANUARY 17

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and  
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Eugene Klepfer and  
Miriam Bixenman

## DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes-SW, C. Olson-  
NW, M. Hutchinson, J. Briggs

10:45 A.M. M. Callahan-SW, L. York-  
NW, B. Wyant-SE, J. Hudlow-NE, M.  
Crouse, W. Bowen, J. Bickel, L.  
Finkhousen

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

## HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.

E. Brown - H. Stevenson

M. Hartman - C. Olson

S. Hayes - S. Grimm

W. Johnson - J. Jump

## GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Earl & Reba Fusselman

10:45 A.M. Jack & Doris Sauerwein

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson & Susan Knuckles

## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

664 - Mrs. Hilda Frederick  
(Mamie Caldwell's sister)

784 - Mr. Richard Fisher

### ST. JOSEPH:

450 - Mrs. Ressie Ehrman

### A THANK YOU...

Thank you so much for the carolers  
at Christmas and the plant which was  
shared with us.

God Bless You all!  
Arthur Mowery

## BOOK SALES-A SUCCESS-

The Christian Education Com-  
mittee reports a total of  
\$340.84 in sales during the  
Advent Book and Jewelry Sale.  
We appreciate your support of  
this project!

## GIDEAN SPEAKER THIS SUNDAY

Robert H. Henschen will  
make a 5-minute presentation  
of the Gideans International  
this Sunday in both worship  
services. This is an annual  
custom, with the opportunity  
given to share in their work  
as you desire.

## WORLD'S FAIR TRIP SEATS STILL AVAILABLE!

As of Tuesday, January 12  
there are still SEATS avail-  
able. Deposits have to be in  
by this Sunday, January 17.  
Please contact Rev. Gary Nun-  
nally if you are interested or  
if you have friends who are  
interested.

## A THANK YOU NOTE

Our Dear Christian Friends,

Our home was brightened by  
the beautiful Christmas poin-  
settia and we enjoyed the visit  
by Jim, Becky & Jeremy Stucky  
who delivered it!

Thank you so much for your  
thoughtfulness and generosity!  
And thank you also - all of you  
- for your prayers! We love  
you!

Bob & Marilyn Rayl



## ELDERS MINI-TREAT

The 20 Elders and 6 Elders Emeritus will go to the Thompsons at Huntington this Saturday, January 19 for a Mini-Retreat, from 10:45 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Those wishing to pool rides will leave the church at 9:30. Bring your Bibles for a special study, and your ideas for advancing the church under new pastoral leadership this year. Great things may happen Saturday!

The way to Thompsons: - From 24 and 5 on the Huntington By-pass, go ½ mile north on 5; turn left on Grimm Rd.; after going 1½ mile and crossing a bridge, turn sharply to the right, and be welcomed at the 4th house on the right! See you there!!

## AREA I ASSEMBLY

The Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in Area I will assemble in their annual meeting Sunday, January 24 at North Christian Church. The Assembly will begin with registration at 3:00 P.M. The program for adults will consist of a "Listening Conference" with Marion Smith, the Moderator of the Christian Church in Indiana, and Ron Parker, as Associate Regional Minister and the Regional staff person who regularly relates to this Area of the region. Marion and Ron will use some of the time to share purpose and goals of the Regional ministry in Indiana. Most of the time, however, will be devoted to listening to us as we are given opportunity to ask questions and share our concerns for regional direction and planning.

Dinner will be served by the Church. A business meeting will follow the meal. The event will close with a service of worship. Ron Parker will preach and our STARSHINE GROUP will sing. Registration cost is \$2.50 which will include dinner. There will be child-care for children. Youth will meet separately. Please call our Church Office to make reservations for this event. Barbara Short is the out-going Moderator of Area I.

## REGION CALLS NEW MINISTER

In a specially called Regional Board Meeting January 14, Howard Goodrich was called as the new Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana. Howard currently serves as Regional Minister of the Christian Church in the Upper Midwest. In the Interim, Spencer Austin is serving as Regional Minister. We appreciate Spencer's leadership and look forward with anticipation to the coming of Rev. Goodrich to our Region.

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#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

9:30 A.M. Car pools meet at the church for Elder's Retreat

10:45 A.M. Elder's Retreat

##### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

SERMON: "The Difference the Church Makes as The Body of Christ" I Cor. 12:14-27

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

##### MONDAY, JANUARY 18

9:30 A.M. Study Group

7:30 P.M. Christian Ed. Committee

##### TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

2:00 P.M. Evangelism Committee

##### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

6:45 P.M. Starshine

##### THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:30 P.M. Board, Elders, Diaconate with prospective Sr. Pastor

##### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

6:00 P.M. All-Church Dinner

7:30 P.M. Congregational Meeting

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, PEANUT BUTTER,  
CANNED FRUIT, CANNED SOUP,  
CANNED MEAT, CEREAL

#### YOU...TH NEWS

The trip to Pokagan that was originally planned for Saturday, January 16 has been cancelled due to bad weather. More information about another date will be forth coming in future TID-INGS.

This Sunday, both groups will be meeting for Handbell practice at 4:30 and youth groups at 5:30 P.M. Both groups will be beginning NEW study material so be sure and come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Coming up on SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 the youth will be sponsoring a PAPER-DRIVE. All youth are encouraged to gather as much paper from their own homes and neighborhood before Saturday as possible. Persons wishing to have their papers picked up by the youth are to call the church office.

#### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER JANUARY 17-23

Myron Cole (17)

Adalee Clifton (17)

Calvin Jones (17)

Jack Williams (17)

Troy Yeoman (17)

Lee Ann Penny (17)

Sue Brickley (18)

Jim Jump (18)

Jack Sauerwein (18) Mark Snyder (20)

Robert Finkhousen (19) Mike Stone (20)

Twyla Streeter (19) Dan Auer (21)

Val Taylor (19) Jim Plummer (21)

Chip Olson (19) Bob Urich (21)

Peg Buskirk (20) Gladys Hoop (23)

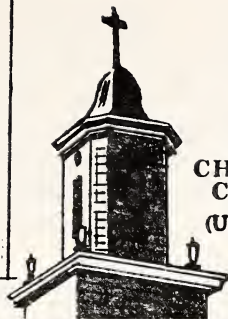
Kenneth Flesher (20) Delores Keebortz (23)

Tim Sauerwein (20) Harriett Cole (23)



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FOR YOU AT YOUR CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

8:15 and 10:45 A.M. - TWO HOURS OF INSPIRATIONAL WORSHIP

Sermon by Dr. J. Maurice Thompson, "The Difference the Church Makes as the Family of Christ" (Mark 3:31-35)

Children's Sermon by Rev. Gary Nunnally at the second service

Special music by a soloist in the first hour and the Chancel Choir in the second hour.

9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL, with fine classes for all ages.

A Gideon International 5-minute message, with opportunity for personal offerings, to be given by Robert H. Henschen.

REMEMBER SCHEDULES FOR MEETING PROSPECTIVE PASTOR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 at 7:30 P.M. - Board of Trustees, and all Elders and Diaconate meet in the Parlor

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 - All members and friends meet in Fellowship Hall  
6:00 P.M. - PITCH-IN DINNER. Bring food as follows: A-E - ~~Meat~~  
casserole; F-J - Vegetables; K-P - Desserts; Q-Z - Salads.

7:30 P.M. - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for formal introductions and mutual consideration by Minister and church. Ballot will be by written vote. Nursery care for pre-schoolers during the meeting.

THE AREA-I ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED FOR THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. IT WILL BE RESCHEDULED AFTER EASTER.

# SERVING JANUARY 24

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and  
Janet Weicker  
10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and  
Bob Pauley

## DIACONATE AND GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, J. Frank-  
lin-NW, J. Young, J. Hendricks  
10:45 A.M. M. Callahan-SW, L.  
York-NW, B. Wyant-SE, J. Hudlow-NE,  
M. Crouse, J. Bickel, L. Finkhousen

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

## GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Ralph & Judy Church  
10:45 A.M. Mike & Pat Mullen

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

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## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

631 - Mrs. Anne Shirley  
664 - Mrs. Hilda Frederick  
(Mamie Caldwell's sister)  
621 - Mr. Richard Fisher

### ST. JOSEPH:

450 - Mrs. Ressie Ehresman

### GIDEON SPEAKER RESCHEDULED

Due to the weather last Sunday morning, our Gideon speaker was not with us. He will be sharing a 5 minute message during Community Sharing in both worship hours this Sunday morning.

*"One place where prayer fails  
is in expecting God to do things  
for us which He can only do through  
us."*

### ELDER'S RETREAT RESCHEDULED

The Elder's Retreat has been rescheduled. We plan to have it on Saturday, January 30. Again, we plan to leave the church parking lot at 9:30 A.M. to go to the Thompsons in Huntington for those who wish to pool rides. We will begin there at 10:45 A.M. We will plan to be there until 3:00 P.M. We will repeat the directions in next week's TIDINGS.

Mildred Hartman,  
Chairwoman of Elders

### ANYONE WILLING TO TRY BAKING COMMUNION BREAD?

Would anyone be willing to try baking communion bread for the church? This would be an excellent "Talent" contribution to the church! If interested, contact the church office or Laura York, Co-Chairwoman of the Diaconate, at 447-1284.

### NEEDS FOR LIVE-IN COMPANIONS

In the last week we have received two requests in the church office for persons age 50 or above to be live-in companions (in one instance more care of a person would be needed). For additional information, please call the church office, 744-3239.

### ATTENTION CHOIR:

Due to the change in rehearsal date this week, please be in the Choir Room this Sunday by 10:15 robed so we can have an extra rehearsal.

Ann Hayes, Director



## PANTRY/FOOD BANK USED HEAVILY IN LAST THREE MONTHS

In the past three months (October, November, December, 1981) the Pantry/Food Bank has served a total of 2,694 meals! Some additional statistics might help make this more understandable. We had a total of 7 calls for the PANTRY and 41 calls for the FOOD BANK. These calls represented 71 adults and 93 children.

In the PANTRY PROGRAM which is our food-help program connected to the Allen County Welfare Department, 3 days of emergency food is provided.

In the FOOD BANK PROGRAM 5 days of emergency food is provided. The FOOD BANK is our newest program. It was originated by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. We are one of 13 geographical centers in the city. We serve referrals from the Wayne Township Trustees' office, other helping agencies in the community, and persons who come to us for help who live in our geographical area.

We are grateful to so many people who give their time each week to help in this program. Pam Bickel coordinates volunteers. Val Taylor keeps the shelves up-to-date and does the grocery buying when necessary. The following persons serve as on-call volunteers who come to the church on their "on-call day" to fill orders when needed: Anne Shirley, Betty Grimm, Val Taylor, Barbara Busse, Joan Ott, Mary Lou Hartzler, Edna Nordblom, and Irene Fox. The office staff does the necessary paper-work for persons being served by the Food Bank.

We are indebted to all who have served in the past as coordinators and volunteers and are responsible for keeping this vital program alive in our church and the community. The persons we are most grateful for are those of you who regularly give food and/or money to this program. THANK YOU!

### LENTEN STUDY SERIES PLANNED

The Christian Education Committee is announcing an exciting Lenten Study Series to begin Sunday evening, February 21. The series will continue on Sunday evenings through March 28. The classes will begin at 6:00 P.M. and conclude at 7:30 P.M. Miriam Bixenman will be the leader. The text will be "Walking With Jesus During His Last Week." Full details next week.

### CWF VISIT TO BYRON HEALTH CENTER

The CWF sponsored annual visit to the Byron Health Center is Monday, February 8 from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M. We will need 20 to 25 small bingo prizes such as gum, mints, hankies, combs, stationery, stamps, pens, pencils, playing cards and perfume. A box for these items will be at the south door. If you can go with us please call me at 456-7808.

Betty Grimm, CWF Service  
Chairwoman

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## YOUTH NEWS

### CHI RHO

This week, on Saturday, January 23, the CHI RHO will be going to Pokagan State Park. We will leave the church at 9:00 A.M. and return by 3:00 P.M. All Chi Rho youth are encouraged to wear very warm clothes and bring money for the various activities at the park. A sack lunch is also needed!

### CYF

This week, on Saturday, January 23, the CYF will be going to Franke Park to go tubing and tobogganing. Cars will leave the church parking lot at 12:00 noon and return around 3:00 P.M.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group  
7:30 P.M. Meeting of Board of Trustees, Elders and Diaconate with Prospective Pastor

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

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7:30 P.M. Congregational Meeting

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

9:00 A.M. Chi Rho leave for Pokagan  
12:00 Noon CYF leave for Franke Park

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir  
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

6:45 P.M. Starshine

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT,  
CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL,  
CRACKERS

Deborah Fishing (26)  
Metta Stucky (27)  
Doug Olson (27)  
Dorothy Green (27)  
Florence Hagar (28)  
Bill Kerley (28)  
Wade Smith (28)

### YOUTH PAPER DRIVE SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Persons are asked to bring papers to the church and leave them on the stage or call the church office to have papers picked up on January 30.

### MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER JANUARY 24-30

Marilyn Byers (25)  
Janet Weicker (25)  
Dorothy Schmidt (25)  
Virginia Dare (26)  
Doris Richards (29)  
Jack Bennett (29)  
Betty Farrow (29)  
Jayne Jenkins (29)  
Martha Warner (30)  
Natalie Urich (30)

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## DR. RICHARD HAMM CALLED AS SENIOR PASTOR

By a unanimous vote last Friday, the congregation of First Christian Church called Dr. Richard L. Hamm to be Senior Pastor, beginning April 1. Dr. Hamm immediately provided a very strong affirmation to this call and an impressive act of confirmation by him and the officers of the church followed.

Dick and his wife Melinda (called Mindy) are both returning "Hoosiers." He was born at Crawfordsville, and she at Bluffton. Dick received his education at Butler University, and his doctorate from Christian Theological Seminary in 1974. He served two student churches in Indiana before going to be Associate Pastor of the large Central Christian Church in Kansas City for a year and a half. He was then chosen by the Christian Church in Missouri to start a new church in Kansas City, Missouri, from which he has been called here after seven fruitful years.

Dick and Mindy have two children, David (6) and Laura (4) and reside at 505 N.E. 88th St., Kansas City, MO 54155. They will be coming to our community and church in a couple of months to provide spiritual and administrative leadership for a new period of growth and enrichment in our church. We thank God for bringing our new pastor and his family together with us for a great New Day!

SERMON FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 31: "The Difference the Church Makes as  
The Redemptive Fellowship"

Read: Phil. 2:1-13.

The soloist for both worship hours will be Becca Olson. David Mosier will direct the Chancel Choir in the second worship hour.



## SERVING JANUARY 31

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and  
Delores Keebortz  
10:45 A.M. Cecil Rice and  
Joe Wiley

### DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, B.  
Briggs-NW, C. Olson, J. Briggs  
10:45 A.M. K. Flickinger-SW, B.  
Norman-NW, S. Knuckles-SE, T. Har-  
ter-NE, N. Lucas, B. Kerley, S.  
Grimm

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

### GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Jeanne Feltenberger  
10:45 A.M. Jim & Bev Hudlow

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nena Lucas & Phyllis Tobias

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.

R. Church - J. Bickel  
C. Ludwig - P. Mullen  
G. Miller - L. York  
B. Pauley - J. Hendricks

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Flickinger Family

## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

631 - Mrs. Anne Shirley  
664 - Mrs. Hilda Frederick  
(Mamie Caldwell's sister)  
621 - Mr. Richard Fisher

### ST. JOSEPH:

450 - Mrs. Ressie Ehresman  
(Reba Fusselman's sister)

## DEATH OF MEMBER

Mrs. Marie Pritchard, a member here since 1935 died last week in Owensboro, Kentucky. Mrs. Pritchard had resided there for the past several years.

## IN SPITE OF THE SNOW AND COLD

the response of our families to their church responsibilities this month has been most commendable. Thanks, you grand people!

Attendance at the first service has averaged 254 and 102 at the second. All services have been good; including the music. How much better to do our best than not try!

Offerings have not been at low as they might, because many families mailed their envelopes in when they could not come. The four Sundays totaled \$10,159, just \$2,040 under what the budget calls for. Expenses go on in cold weather, sometimes more so -- thanks for your thoughtfulness!

## THE ELDERS' MINI-RETREAT AGAIN

has been set for this Saturday, January 30, with ride pools leaving the church at 9:30 A.M. The calling last Friday of our new Senior Pastor gives this meeting a new significance and importance as time will be given to matters of preparation and support for him. You are needed!

Again, the way to the Thompsons: From 24 on the Huntington By-pass, go north on 5 for 1/2 mile; turn left on Grimm Rd.; after going 1 1/2 mile and crossing a bridge, turn right on Timothy Dr, and be welcomed at the fourth house on the right! Here's hoping the weatherman says OK.

## YOUTH PAPER DRIVE THIS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

10:00 A.M. -- 2:00 P.M.



## MOMENTS WITH MAURICE.

A new Senior Pastor has been called, and he immediately gave his acceptance. Our celebration was "Praise Ye the Lord! Hallelujah!" There is every confidence that in and through the whole procedure of the last year the Lord and His promised Holy Spirit has been leading us.

The bare fact now faces us -- we have only two months, until April 1 to make those preparations which are essential for the proper acceptance of our new minister. This means personal and family realignment, as well as setting everything in order within the church. Along with the devoted leaders of the church, I as your interim senior pastor will offer our best guidance for this crucial period. I call upon all of you to be constantly available and fully responsive.

An early note of appreciation is given to the Search Committee, George Bruckman as chairperson, for the unlimited dedication of time and energy which has brought FCC to this New Day!

With love and great expectancy,

*Maurice*

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### LENTEN STUDY TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 21

Beginning February 21 and each Sunday evening through March 28 from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. the Christian Education Committee will be offering the Lenten Study - "WALKING WITH JESUS DURING HIS LAST WEEK". This study is a six-session Lenten Experience designed to help participants (1) relive the events of Holy Week and (2) draw parallels between the actions of Jesus' followers then and our own discipleship today. Each session will center around a major event of Jesus' final week. The study series will be led by Mrs. Miriam Bixenman. It is open to both youth and adults and the cost is \$3.00. (Couples may share a book.)

Before each session a fellowship supper (from 5:15 to 6:00 P.M.) will be provided by various church school classes (free-will offering). This meal is for anyone: Handbell Choir participants, Study Series participants, youth groups, children, anyone who would enjoy a simple well-prepared meal with Christian friends.

Child Care will be provided for children in Nursery I through III, and a Children's Program will meet for children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Make this a family event of fun, food, fellowship, and study-renewal. Sign up now by calling the church office.

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#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast  
9:30 A.M. Rides leave church for Elder's Retreat  
10:00 A.M. Youth Paper Drive begins (concludes at 2:00 P.M.)  
10:45 A.M. Elder's Retreat begins at Thompsons in Huntington  
6:00 P.M. Chrysalis Class Progressive Dinner begins

##### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
4:30 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal  
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

##### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 P.M. Clowns

##### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

2:00 P.M. Evangelism Committee

##### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:45 P.M. Starshine

##### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED MEAT, CRACKERS, CEREAL,  
CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES

#### THE GIDEON VISITOR

last Sunday was Robert Henschen, who made a fine presentation in both services. The offering was \$68.00 toward providing Bibles for use in many lands. This is a good ministry worthy of our support.

#### CHRYSLIS CLASS DINNER

The Chrysalis Church School Class will have a Progressive Dinner this Saturday evening, January 30.

The first course, Appetizer and Salad, will be served at Steve & Debbie White's, 3108 Adams. The Main Course will be at Chip and Becca Olson's 1009 Illsley. Dessert will be served at Brett & Nena Lucas's 5115 Fairfield. Persons planning to attend should contact Shirley Callahan, 747-2013.

#### ADLER INSTITUTE CLASS TO BE OFFERED AT LINCOLNSHIRE

The Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren will host an Adler Institute Class, "Redirecting Children's Misbehavior" beginning Tuesday, February 9. The class will meet for 6 weeks from 7:00 to 9:15 P.M. Please call Karen Flickinger, 747-6832.

#### MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 6

James Sands (1)  
Muriel Ann (Chevalier) Plitts  
Anita Fitch (2)  
Patricia Erdly (3)  
Helen Lobdell (4)  
Wanda (Ripple) Ingmire (4)  
Elizabeth Pattengale (5)  
Ruth Ann Bozarth (5)  
Emma Jean Phillips (6)  
Susan Knuckles (6)

#### VISITORS IN WORSHIP 1/24

Walt & Linda Gratz and Steve & Tana Harter worshipped with us since the bad weather closed Saturn Christian.

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HELD OVER -- BY "UNPOPULAR REQUEST" ! ! !

For the fourth Sunday in a row, inclement weather had a severe deterring effect upon our Sunday events, last Sunday being the worst. The 20 brave souls who came for the early service, before Sunday School and second service were cancelled, are to be commended. The total offering was \$1,076.12, with the other 2/3rds expected later.

## This Sunday

Sermon by the Interim Senior Pastor: "The Difference the Church Makes as the Redemptive Fellowship", based on Matthew 18:20 and Philippians 2:1-13.

Leading at the Lectern: Rev. Gary Nunnally, and Mrs. Ralph Church and Brett Lucas as Lay Leaders.

Children's Sermon by Rev. Nunnally: "When God Get's Sad."

Solo: "Through the Eyes of Love" by Hamlich, sung by Mrs. Chip Olson.

Anthem by the Chancel Choir directed by Ann Hayes.

COME, ONE AND ALL ----- LET US WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD!

## A DAY BRIGHTENER . . .

The cold winter days of some parts of our country can really get to you, can't they? I guess one way to be comforted a little is to recall the beastly hot days of summer. A comparison sometimes brings solace.

A man in Gary, Indiana, was grumbling about the intense heat and about the fact that there was no breeze at all. His friend had just returned from a trip down south and assured him that he hadn't ever experienced a really hot day. His comment was:

"Hot! Friend, you don't know what hot is! One day last week when I was in Mississippi I saw a dog chasing a cat and would you believe it was so hot they were both walking!"

-- Donald Bartow



# SERVING FEBRUARY 7

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and  
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and  
Miriam Bixenman

## DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, J. Hendricks-NW, M. Busse, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-NW, P. Mul-len-NW, L. York-SE, J. Stucky-NE, M. Finkhousen, K. Rogers, G. Falbe, J. Jump

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

## GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Fred & Rychie Smell

10:45 A.M. Bill & Marge Lehman

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nena Lucas & Phyllis Tobias

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Ben Taylor family

## IN HOSPITALS

### ST. JOSEPH:

450 - Mrs. Ressie Ehresman

## THANK YOU

We wish to thank the church for the lovely Poinsettia Plant at Christmas time. It was beautiful. Our thanks also to the Women's Group who brought us a plate of Christmas goodies.

We're sorry to be late with our thanks!

Bob and Esther Clipp

## ITEMS FOR SALE

One of our members has a used walker and commode for sale. If interested, call the church office for name and number.

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED TO MEET AT FORREST PARK UMC

on Wednesday, February 10. There will be a Fellowship Coffee at 9:30 A.M. for acquaintance and sharing. A luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon. We have been asked to bring salad to share for this. There will be child care. Please call Alice Lamley, 693-2032 to make reservations.

## TIDBITS FROM THE ELDER'S RETREAT

Due to weather, the Elder's Retreat was held at the church last Saturday, with a 50% attendance. The Bible study was by the Interim Senior Pastor, with much time given in discussion for undergirding the coming of the new pastor soon. As those not present give their support, the evidence of a new spirit will be evident. Can we do less?

## NEW PASTOR'S ADDRESS

Since there are requests for the address of Dr. and Mrs. Richard L. Hamm, it is given here: 505 N.E. 88th Street, Kansas City, MO 64155. Already we are beginning to welcome Dick and Mindy and their two children, David (6) and Laura (4).

## SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mildred I. Hartman, whose uncle died last week.

## ALKING WITH JESUS DURING HIS LAST WEEK - A Lenten Study"

A Lenten Study will be offered February 21 and each Sunday evening through March 28 from 6:00--8:30 P.M. The study will be led by Mrs. Miriam Bixenman and the cost is \$3.00. (couples may share book.)

Before each session a Fellowship Supper (from 5:15--6:00 P.M.) will be provided. A Free-Will offering will be taken.

Child Care will be provided for children in Nursery I-III and a Children's Session will meet for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade. The Children's Session will involve a Lenten puppet play and presenting it to the church on Monday, March 28 in the Church School hour.

## YOU ARE REACHING INTO POLAND

Because you shared in the "Week of Compassion" Offering last year, you are now helping feed people in war-torn Poland, and give medical equipment and clothing. Shipments from December '80 to August '81 are valued at \$1,096,000 and were handled by Das Diakonische Werk of Germany for us. In November, Church World Service sent \$150,000 of material aid (overcoats, blankets, layettes, personal hygiene kits). Through Denmark we are able to send cheese, soap, hospital equipment to Gdynia. Churches have good entree into Poland, with little government interference. Only a few shortages prevent trucking any assistance.

Offerings also give aid to eastern European refugees and hurting people in El Salvador.

## 7th QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY

The 7th Quadrennial Assembly of the International Christian Women's Fellowship will be held on the campus of Purdue University, West Lafayette, June 21-25. Registration will close May 1. REPORT INDICATE REGISTRATIONS ARE COMING IN THREE TIMES AS FAST AS IN AN PREVIOUS YEAR!

Cost is \$135.00 per person. This includes all costs for the Assembly. There will be some scholarship help with interest on the Edna Vaught Fund which was established for this purpose when she retired as Church Secretary several years ago.

Program highlights include Bible study, led by Joan Campbell, Disciple Clergywoman, speakers including clergywomen from among the Disciples, the United Church of Christ, and Church Women United, a lawyer, a pediatrician who is the head of Physicians for Social Responsibility and a Professor of Theology. The program will also include drama, music, interest groups and overseas guests. Register by contacting Miriam Bixenman or the church office.

## ALL-CHURCH DINNER FEBRUARY 24

The CWF will sponsor an All-Church Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday, February 24 at 6:30 P.M. The meal is for everyone and is potluck. The Rebecca Group will serve as hostesses.

The program will feature the newest member of our Regional staff--Mrs. Maribeth Blackman-Sexton who carries responsibilities in CWF and other areas of regional work. Child Care will be provided if requested.

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#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir  
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

##### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

12:00 Noon Rebecca Group, Atz's  
Tillman Road  
7:30 P.M. Christian Education  
Committee

##### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

2:00 P.M. Evangelism Committee  
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

##### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30 A.M. Church Women United  
Forest Park UMC (also lunch)  
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Peg  
Buskirk, 4430 Wilmette  
7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Becki  
Nunnally, 7322A Mill Run

##### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, PEANUT BUTTER,  
CANNED MEAT, CANNED FRUIT,  
CEREAL, CRACKERS

#### WINTER SINGLES RETREAT

will be held at Indian Lake Retreat Center, March 5-7 with outstanding leadership. This will be helpful to young adults or older who have never married, or are divorced, separated or widowed. Contact the church office.

#### MEMBERS-FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FEBRUARY 7-13, 1982

Florence Griffith (7)  
Elinor Place (7)  
Nita Wilson (7)  
Betty Harter (9)  
Steve White (9)  
Sharon Knuckles (9)  
Kenneth Place (10)  
Heather Jenkins (10)  
Marvin Crouse (11)  
William DeVinney (12)  
Catherine Freed (12)  
Chris McDougale (12)  
Gary Nunnally (12)  
Virgil Buchanan (13)

#### EDU-CARE EVENT

FEBRUARY 26-28

A pleasant weekend at French Lick combined with leadership training opportunities is available now for registration. It opens with dinner on Friday evening and concludes with lunch and celebration at noon on Sunday.

Workshops and Learning Groups range from areas of "How to Teach" and Youth Ministry to groups on Drama in the Church and Dealing With Changing Patterns in the Family to the Development of Faith in Children and Adults. Speciality courses on Singles, Peace, Creative Stewardship are also among the offerings.

Contact the church office for registration information and the detailed descriptive brochure describing the groups and their leaders.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH THIS COMING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 at 7:30 P.M.



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## FROM OUR NEW SENIOR PASTOR . . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have not yet had the opportunity to meet most of you, but the day is fast approaching! Mindy and I were overwhelmed by the positive feeling of the Board and Congregational meetings. Everyone seemed genuinely pleased and excited that we are coming....and believe me, we are excited too! Mindy and I, and even David and Laura, have begun to receive notes of welcome already....how wonderful!

First Christian Church is obviously a congregation eager to move forward; and I'm eager to go forward with you. First has been blessed with some excellent pastoral leadership in the past, and I hope you will be as challenged and inspired by my ministry. You are enjoying excellent interim ministry through Maurice, you have a very capable staff, and you have tremendous lay leadership....what more could a minister ask for as he prepares to begin? I ask only God's blessings and guidance as we together seek to move forward in the service of his Kingdom!

Please pray for us as we prepare to make this move from K.C. to Ft. Wayne. We'll be praying for you, too!

Yours in anticipation,

Dick (Hamm)

SERVING FEBRUARY 14  
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and  
William Franklin  
10:45 A.M. Sam Hayes and  
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, C. Olson, B. Briggs  
10:45 A.M. B. Kerley-SW, K. Flickinger-NW, M. Mullen-SE, H. Stevenson-NE, B. Norman, S. Knuckles, N. Lucas, S. Grimm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Ennis & Gini Brown  
10:45 A.M. Rosemary Krull and  
Bette Haines

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.  
Judy Church - John Briggs  
Charles Ludwig - Ron Flickinger  
Gene Klepfer - Tom Harter  
Janet Weicker - Jim Stucky

COMMUNION PREPARATION

John & Betty Briggs

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The John Briggs family

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

ICU - Mrs. Florence Griffith

THANK YOU:

Robert & Cecile Chevalier wish to thank the church for the beautiful poinsettia plant that was sent to them from the church at Christmas time. They are also very grateful for all of the Christmas greetings they received.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP 2/7  
Jerry & Jackie Landis  
8632 Woodstream Dr. 04  
Mrs. Gay Bell & children  
348 W. Darrow 07  
Charles, Irene, & Patty  
Enos, Huntington

A THANK YOU:

On January 29 the Deborah Group mailed 264 pounds of clothing in 14 boxes to Marope Moducanele in Botswana. It should get there just in time for their cold weather. Many thanks to those who donated clothing and postage money.

Sharon Pauley

CASSETTE TAPE TO SHIRLEY  
CALLAHAN?

Please note: Anyone who has not given a cassette tape to Shirley Callahan for play, please do so as soon as possible.

Shirley Callahan

TENTATIVE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

The Worship Committee is tentatively planning the following for the latter part of Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday Communion experience on April 8, at 7:30 P.M. with a Chain of Prayer to begin immediately following the conclusion of the service. The Prayer Chain will end with a Sunrise Worship on Easter Sunday to be followed by breakfast, Church School and one worship hour to celebrate our risen Lord!

"THE WORLD is like a child:

appalled  
bewildered  
exhausted  
supperless

roared at and

threatened by drunken old war!

The WORLD needs a cup of warm milk!

Warm with kindness,

a reassuring arm,

a home-like voice,

quiet

comfort --

EVEN mothering!

That is what Week of Compassion

is all about."

= Mary Louise Rowand

We have a chance to respond to the needs of the world through our Week of Compassion, February 21 - 28. This special offering opportunity enables agencies such as Church World Service to relieve some of the suffering of people who face disaster in their lives. Let's set a goal of \$1300 this year, an offering from our church family to the Lord and to our greater worldwide family.

The Outreach Committee

### A STUDY WORTH EXPERIENCING!

Beginning February 21 through March 28 at 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. "WALKING WITH JESUS DURING HIS LAST WEEK" a Lenten Study, will be offered.

This exciting six-session Lenten experience is designed to help participants relive the events of Holy Week and draw parallels between the actions of Jesus' followers then and our own discipleship today.

Don't miss this occasion for study, fellowship and discussion. Allow yourself the opportunity for spiritual growth this Lenten season! Cost is \$3.00.

A program for children, Kindergarten - 5th Grade and child care for pre-schoolers will also be available.

### "THE WITNESSING COMMUNITY"

will be the final message this Sunday in both services as Dr. Thompson ends his consideration of "The Difference the Church Makes." The suggested reading is I Peter 3:13-22. The church will be seen as an encouragement to spiritual maturity for her members, as well as a leavening influence in society.

The Infant-Parent Service of Dedication scheduled in January has been rescheduled and will be a part of the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour. We look forward to this opportunity to share as a congregation in this presentation and dedication of children and their families.



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#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

9:00 A.M. YOUTH PAPER DRIVE

##### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:15 A.M. First Worship Hour

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship Hour  
"Infant-Parent Dedication"

12:00 Noon Fellowship Coffee  
Hour - YOUTH BAKE SALE

2:30 P.M. Board of Elders

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

##### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 P.M. Meeting of Children's  
Church School teachers

7:30 P.M. Meeting of ALL Church  
School Teachers & Christian  
Education Committee

##### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 P.M. Property Committee

##### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY/FOOD-BANK-NEEDS:

- POWDERED MILK; CANNED FRUIT,  
CANNED MEAT; CEREAL; CRACKERS

#### ITEMS FOR SALE

One of our members has a walker for sale (\$40.00) and a wheelchair (\$250.00). Please call the church office for name and number.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FEBRUARY 14 - 20, 1982

Arlynn Call (14)

Gene Bozarth (14)

Merle Grimm (14)

Robert Neal (14)

Gary Overmyer (14)

Tony Evans (14)

Brett Lucas (15)

William Howard (15)

Martha Hunt (16)

Edythe Metcalf (16)

Karen Rogers (16)

Karen Doebrman (16)

Donald Crouse (19)

Romane Cole (20)

Florence Huddleston (20)

#### YOUTH NEWS - THIS WEEK!!!

The youth PAPER DRIVE has been rescheduled for SATURDAY the 13th. Persons having paper are asked to bring to the church or call for pick up.

The youth will also have a VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE this Sunday during the Coffee Hour. Come by and take home delicious cookies, pies, or cakes.

#### OFFERING BOXES AVAILABLE

Week of Compassion offering boxes were distributed in children's classes last week. Children are encouraged to contribute to the Week of Compassion, a special offering for relief and self-development over-seas.

#### COPIES OF DETAILED BUDGET

for 1982 are available in the Church Office to any member on request.

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THIS SUNDAY: REV. GARY D. NUNNALLY PREACHING "And He Had Compassion"  
Mark 10:46-52: Dr. J. Maurice Thompson, Worship Leader

## FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE...

Can we as Christians be comfortable with the following facts?

- two-thirds of the people in the world go to bed hungry every night
- nearly one-third of all live-born children die of malnutrition related causes before the age of five.
- there are 16 million refugees worldwide
- 1.6 billion people are without effective medical care
- 1.2 billion without adequate shelter or clothing
- thousands unjustly imprisoned, with dependents in need of help.

These facts are horrible realities for those who have to live with them. We are reminded of what Jesus had to say about our service to Him in Matthew 25:35-40. *"For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water; I was a stranger and you invited me into your homes; naked and you clothed me; sick and in prison, and you visited me. Then the righteous ones will reply 'Sir, when did we ever see you like that?' Then the king will say, 'When you did it to these my brothers you were doing it to me!'"* (LB)

Can we help to relieve some of the pain of those who suffer through our Week of Compassion offering. Here are some examples of what our money can do:

- \$10 will provide two wool blankets
- \$20 will provide 100 pounds of rice
- \$50 will provide vegetable seeds to grow food
- \$75 will provide 100 pounds of dried milk
- \$100 will provide 500 dosages of polio vaccine

Week of Compassion not only helps when disaster strikes, it helps persons to help themselves. Through human development programs people are taught land and water conservation skills, community organization, vocational skills and health care.

Let us show our love for Him and for his children by being faithful in our giving to Week of Compassion, February 21-28.

SERVING FEBRUARY 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and  
Jack Weicker  
10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and  
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, J. Frank-  
lin-NW, J. Young, J. Hendricks  
10:45 A.M. M. Crouse-SW, J. Bick-  
el-NE, M. Callahan-SE, L. Finkhou-  
sen-NE, W. Bowen, R. Flickinger,  
J. Hudlow, B. Wyant

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Bill & Myrtle DeVinney  
10:45 A.M. Norma Sterling and  
Marvin Crouse

COMMUNION PREPARATION

John & Betty Briggs

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Ben Taylor family

AT THE TIME OF WRITING we had no  
known Hospital Patients.

DEATH OF MEMBER

Mrs. Florence Griffith, a member  
here since 1953 died early Monday  
morning. Rev. Nunnally conducted  
Memorial Services on Wednesday.

FLOWERS IN SANCTUARY

The flowers on the Chancel this  
past Sunday morning were given by  
Mrs. Bette Haines in memory of her  
husband, Elwood "Bud" Haines. Our  
thanks for this living Memorial  
which added beauty to our worship  
hours.

YOUTH SAY THANKS! The youth made  
\$59.75 on Paper Drive and \$80.60  
on Bake Sale. Thanks for making it  
possible!

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Our first time visitors last  
Sunday were:

Thomas Lemaster, 5232 S.  
Webster St.

Jenny Lee, 9103 Hartzell Rd.  
Chuck & Mary Talley & family  
Lima, Ohio

THANKS FOR HELP IN CHEESE  
DISTRIBUTION!

The Outreach Committee wishes  
to thank all those volunteers  
who helped to distribute cheese  
to needy Fort Wayne families on  
February 6 and 8. Thank you Val  
Taylor, Betty Grimm, Laura York,  
Sandy Zimmerman, Sharon Pauley,  
Larry Taylor, George Bruckman,  
and Gary Nunnally. A special  
thanks to Max Finkhausen for  
setting up and cleaning up. We  
gave our 1500 pounds of cheese  
to 300 families.

Pam Bickel,

Outreach Committee

(ed. note: Our thanks to Pam  
who coordinated the volunteers  
and worked in the distribution!)

ATTENTION--PAST, PRESENT AND  
FUTURE CHOIR MEMBERS!

A great musical program is  
planned for the Easter Season!  
Our choir director, Ann Hayes,  
has a program that will utilize  
sound teaching tapes as back-  
ground music. This is similar  
to that used at Christmas. We  
are again soliciting the aid of  
all who would join us now and  
be a part of all choir activiti-  
es at least thru April 25.

"Let Us Make a Joyful Noise  
to the Lord"

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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE MAKES A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT...

The Worship Committee offered to the Board of Trustees for their consideration a change in Worship schedule for five weeks beginning March 21, 1982. The following is action by the Trustees:

- 1) FOR MARCH 21 & 28: CHURCH SCHOOL at 9:00 A.M. and ONE WORSHIP HOUR at 10:15 A.M.

This schedule is recommended so Dr. Thompson may assist us in preparing to receive our new minister and his family.

- 2) PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 4: CHURCH SCHOOL at 9:00 A.M. and ONE WORSHIP HOUR at 10:15 A.M.

This will be Dr. Hamm's first day in the pulpit and is recommended that we as a congregation welcome the Hamms at a combined service. This will also be DECISION SUNDAY - the opportunity for persons to make a confession of faith, a transfer of membership, or a rededication of life to Christ.

- 3) EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11: SUNRISE SERVICE at 6:30 A.M. BREAKFAST at 7:45 A.M., CHURCH SCHOOL at 9:00 A.M. AND WORSHIP at 10:15 A.M.

The Worship Service at 10:15 A.M. will include baptismal service for those wishing to do so.

- 4) INSTALLATION SUNDAY, APRIL 18: Dr. Hamm's Installation Service CHURCH SCHOOL at 9:00 A.M. and INSTALLATION WORSHIP at 10:15 A.M.

This service will be for the installation of Dr. Hamm as our Senior Pastor. We will all be involved in this program as a congregation. The guest speakers for this Sunday are Dr. T.J. Liggett, the President of Christian Theological Seminary and Rev. Ron Parker, Associate Regional Minister, the Christian Church in Indiana.

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## LENTEN STUDY BEGINS THIS SUNDAY!

The schedule for February 21-March 28 will be:

4:00 P.M. - Handbell Choir

5:15 P.M. Fellowship Meal (a free-will offering will be taken)

6:00 P.M. Adult Study, Child Care, Children's Session, and Youth Groups (All Programs over at 7:30 P.M.)

The Fellowship Dinner is open to anyone whether involved in other Sunday evening program or not. Children are encouraged to enroll in Children's Program even if parents not in Lenten Study,

## + ALL-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER

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+ This event is for the ENTIRE CHURCH FAMILY - men, women, young and old!

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+ Dinner is at 6:30 P.M. Bring a covered dish or dishes to share and table service.

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+ The speaker for the program will be Mrs. Maribeth Blackman-Sexton the newest member of the Regional Staff. She will speak on "Partners in New Possibilities."

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+ Child Care if requested. Call the church office.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:30 A.M. CYF leave for Cannonsburg Ski Trip

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:15 P.M. Fellowship Supper

6:00 P.M. Lenten Study Begins

6:00 P.M. Children's Session

6:00 P.M. Youth Groups

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:30 P.M. Pastoral Relations Committee

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:30 P.M. ALL-CHURCH DINNER and PROGRAM (see page 3)

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT,  
SOUP, CRACKERS

#### CYF SKI TRIP TO CANNONSBURG

This Saturday, February 20, the CYF will be going to Cannonsburg to ski. The cost will be \$12.00 for lift tickets, \$10.00 for ski rental, \$3.00 for gas, and money for lunch or a sack lunch. All youth are to be at the church parking lot at 5:15 A.M. We will leave promptly at 5:30 A.M. and return around 8:00 P.M.

### EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

#### SPECIAL GATHERING THIS SUNDAY

The following Church School Classes are invited to Fellowship Hall to see filmstrip, "The Road to Zapotol": Grades 4-5, Chi Rho, CYF, and all adult classes. Come at 9:45 A.M. The film is about 20 minutes in length.

#### SIX-WEEK LENTEN LEARNING

##### CENTER FOR K-5th GRADE

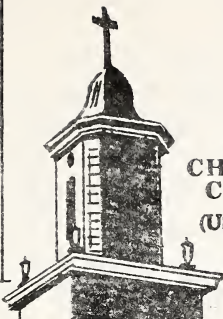
From February 28 - April 4, during the Church School hour we will have special lessons for the combined classes K-5th Grade. The special emphasis is Lenten and Easter study. Gary Nunnally will lead sessions assisted by regular church school teachers.

#### PASTOR'S CLASS

Dr. Thompson will teach a class for young people ages 10-14 beginning March 6. The class will discuss: "Let's Talk About Jesus", "How To Become a Christian" and "How To Become a Better Christian and Church Member." The Classes will meet from 10:00 - 11:30 March 6, 13, 20, and 27. On April 3, Dr. Hamm will meet with the group.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER - Feb. 21-27  
Margaret Jenkins (21) Cathy Katt  
Walter Bowen (22) (26)  
Steve Hall (22) Homer Steven-  
Judy Brickley (23) son (26)  
Barb Mettler (23) Bette Gerrard  
Susan Rousseau (23) (27)  
Ron Flickinger (25)  
Dan Church (25)  
Eunice Conrad (25)  
Freda Householder (25)

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SERMON THIS SUNDAY: "Turn Things Right Side Up" Isaiah 29:11-24  
Dr. J. Maurice Thompson preaching both hours.

WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERINGS WILL STILL BE RECEIVED THIS  
SUNDAY. \$619.81 has been received to date. The Outreach  
Committee has set a \$1,300 goal for this year's offering  
to help suffering in our world.

Dear Friends at First,

This has been a tough week for us. We've been saying "good-bye" to  
friends with whom we have laughs, loved, struggles, and grown. But,  
at the same time, we are growing in our anticipation of new life and  
ministry in Fort Wayne. Emotionally, I feel a little like a "yo-yo"! But  
this is the way life is....every ending is a new beginning, and God  
gives us the strength to celebrate the past while embracing the future  
and enjoying the present.

Two thoughts on this mid-February morning. 1. I look forward to  
being able to think about only one congregation at a time again.  
2. As I read the daily Fort Wayne newspaper, I will admit the thought  
occasionally crosses my mind, "Lord, since you've called us away from  
Kansas City, couldn't you have called us a little further south?!"  
I'm sure you must have had similar thoughts creeping into your mind  
this winter, too. But, "hang in there", friends! Tulips are only a  
few weeks away! Even so, Lord, may tulips and the Hamms quickly  
arrive!

God bless,

Dick



SERVING FEBRUARY 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and  
Ennis Brown

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and  
Eugene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, B. Briggs-  
NW, C. Olson, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen-SW, L. Fink-  
housen-NW, B. Wyant-SE, M. Crouse-  
NE, J. Bickel, R. Flickinger, L.  
York, J. Hudlow

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Virginia Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Lelia McBride and  
Linda Hendrickson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.

Ralph Church - Karen Flickinger

Sam Hayes - Val Taylor

William Johnson - Mike Callahan

Bob Pauley - Susan Knuckles

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Karen Rogers & Bernie Norman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ralph and Judy Church

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(First-time visitors Sunday  
were:)

*Ron Wise, 3516 South  
Wayne Ave. 07*

(NOTE; A reminder to our  
church family: If you notice  
a visitor in your pew, make  
them feel welcome. If a vis-  
itor is listed who lives near  
you, make a personal call.)

INTERESTED IN PLAYING SOFTBALL?

First Christian Church has  
the opportunity to join a  
slow pitch softball league.  
If you are interested and 18  
years of age or older, call  
the church office.

SPECIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

FOR CHILDREN IN K-5th GRADE

Beginning this Sunday, Feb-  
ruary 28 and continuing  
through April 4, children's  
classes Kindergarten through  
5th Grade will come together  
for a Lenten Learning Center  
experience during the church  
school hour (9:30 A.M.)

ENROLL NOW FOR PASTOR'S CLASS

Several children between  
ages 10 and 14 have enrolled  
in the Church Membership Class  
on March 6, 13, 20 and 27 with  
Dr. Thompson from 10:00 to  
11:30 on Saturdays, with the  
last session with Dr. Hamm on  
April 3. Please give the name  
of your boy or girl to the  
Church Office soon. More info  
on request!

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

576 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

LUTHERAN:

376- Mrs. Shirley Callahan  
and David

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

A son, David Benjamin, was born  
to Mike and Shirley Callahan on  
Sunday, February 21. Congratula-  
tions!

*"To forgive and not forget is simply to bury the  
hatchet with the handle sticking out."*

## CONGRATULATIONS ON CERTIFICATION

First Christian is proud of George Bruckman and Karen Flickinger, both of whom have recently been Certified as Lay Ministers for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana. Not only is this recognition of their dedicated abilities, but also of their availability to serve in larger areas.

George has been a member of this church since 1949, and has held almost every position possible. His interests are in being a Lay Pastor of some church, or in business administration.

Karen came to our fellowship from Logansport early in 1971, and likewise has served in many capacities. Her abilities are in the areas of Pastoral Care, small group leader, Prayer Line ministry, counseling unchurched, and administrative or secretarial services.

Congratulations, and may the doors open soon for you!

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### ROOM STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE LENTEN STUDY SERIES

We still have a few of the Study books available for the Lenten Study Series, "Walking With Jesus During His Last Week." We would welcome persons into the group at the second session, Sunday evening, February 28. 19 persons are currently enrolled in the six-session series being led by Miriam Bixenman. Cost for the book is \$3.00. Couples may share a book.

Also, if you enjoy good food and fellowship join us during the Fellowship Supper (5:15 P.M.). Don't miss a great time for the whole family. Child Care for pre-schools is available during the Study Time. A class for children K-5th Grade also meets at 6:00 P. M.

### INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

in the Stephans Series dealing with Depression and a Lay Caring Ministry will be held at First Missionary Church on March 8, 1:00-5:00 P.M. Some from FCC are going - if interested call the Church Office.

### MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 6

Tim Briggs (28)	Richard Hamilton
Bill Lehman (28)	(6)
Barb Busse (1)	Alpha Piercy
Carl Linn (1)	(6)
Jerry Zimmerman (1)	
Bueford Tharp (1)	
Lee Baugher (2)	
Frank Moody (2)	
Myrtle Hendrick (3)	
Ruth Yentes (4)	
Bill Johnson II (5)	
Benjamin McCarel (5)	

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:15 P.M. Fellowship Supper

6:00 P.M. Lenten Study Series

Adult & Children's Classes

Child Care for pre-schoolers

6:00 P.M. Youth Groups

#### MONDAY, MARCH 1

9:30 A.M. Study Group

7:00 P.M. Clowns

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Virginia

Bruckman, 3729 South Drive

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

6:45 P.M. Starshine

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 4

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Kathryn

Banet, 933 W. Oakdale

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

BABY FOOD, CEREAL, CANNED MEAT,

CRACKERS, PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED

FRUIT, POWDERED MILK

### A KXY TO SUCCXS

Evxn though my typxwriter is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxxcpt for onx of thx kxys. It havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd-pxrxfctly. Thxrx arx 46 kxys that function wxll xnough, but onx kxy not working makx thx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx an organization is somxthing likx my typxwriter -- not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working propxrlly. You may say to yoursxlf -- "I am only onx pxrson--I won't makx or brxak a program." But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcasx a church program to bx xffxctivx nxxds thx participation of xach and xvxy mxmbxr.

So, thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr my typxwriter and say to yoursxlf, "I'm a kxy pxrson in our organization and I'm nxxdxd vxry much."

-- Copied from the  
Faithfinder  
Faith Baptist  
Church

### CYF REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The CYF Regional Assemly will be held at Purdue University in West Lafayette, April 16-18. The cost for the event will be \$12.50 with the church paying the other half of the registration fee. Registrations must be by March 31. Don't miss this exciting youth event.



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## THRU LENT TO EASTER

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 *Worship at 8:15 & 10:45* Sermon "You Make the Church" will be given by J. Maurice Thompson. Text: Luke 19:41-46. *Church School at 9:30 A.M. Lenten Study Series* continues with a Fellowship Supper at 5:15 P.M. and Study for adults and children and youth groups at 6:00.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 *Worship at 8:15 & 10:45* Sermon "Have a 'Free' Sample" given by Gary D. Nunnally. Text: Matthew 11:7-11 *Church School at 9:30 A.M. Lenten Study* as announced above.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 *WORSHIP AT 10:15 ONLY* Sermon "Behold He Who Comes to You" by J. Maurice Thompson. *CHURCH SCHOOL AT 9:00 A.M. Lenten Study Series* as announced above.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 *WORSHIP AT 10:15 A.M. ONLY* Sermon "In Unbroken Line" by J. Maurice Thompson *CHURCH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AT 9:00 A.M.* for Presentation by Children's Lenten Class. Following worship there will be a *CARRY-IN DINNER* to honor the Thompsons (Meat and Drink furnished.) *Lenten Study Series* as announced above.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 *SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON and PROGRAM at 12:00 Noon.* "Death of Fear, Victory of Love"

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 *PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:15 A.M. ONLY.* Dr. Richard L. Hamm preaching "Triumph" based on Mark 11:1-10. "Decision Day" *CHURCH SCHOOL AT 9:00 A.M.*

THURSDAY, APRIL 8 *MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION at 7:30 P.M.* Prayer Chain begins immediately afterward.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 *GOOD FRIDAY* Community Services will be announced.

(Continued on page 3)

## SERVING MARCH 7

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and  
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Bob Pauley and  
Sam Hayes

### DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Franklin-SW, J.

Young-NW, J. Hendricks, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, P. Mullen-

NW, V. Taylor-SE, K. Rogers-SW, G.  
Falbe, J. Jump, J. Stucky, M. Fink-  
housen

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

### GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Mark & Pauline Snyder

10:45 A.M. Sandy Zimmerman and  
Phyllis Tobias

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Karen Rogers and Bernie Norman

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Mike Mullen family

## IN HOSPITALS

### ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

### LUTHERAN:

771 - Mrs. Charline Craig

623 - Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

## VISITORS IN WORSHIP

(First-time visitors last Sunday  
were:)

Miss Chris Landon, 261 E. Pettit

## LENTEN STUDY AND MEAL A GREAT SUCCESS

The first night of our Lenten Study Series we had 42 persons for the Fellowship Supper. Last Sunday evening there were 35. There are 22 persons enrolled in the adult study class. Anyone is welcome for supper even if you are not a part of the study class.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

### TO BE HELD MARCH 5

The annual World Day of Prayer Service, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held this year on Friday, March 5 beginning at 1:30 P.M. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The theme of the service is "People of God - Gathered to Worship - Scattered to Serve." The program was written by the women of Ireland. Desmond and Collette O'Neill, both natives of Dublin, Ireland, will participate in story and song.

## MARCH 16 TRIP TO EMILY FLINN HOME PLANNED

The 16th of March is the date for our visit to the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion. Those going will meet in the church parking lot at 12:30 and return at 4:30 P.M. We will be taking cake and providing ice cream for a treat for the residents. Those CWF groups providing cakes are reminded to have them at the church by 10:30 A.M. that day.

## IT' TIME TO CLEAN THE KITCHEN!

Our church kitchen needs a good spring cleaning! Peggy Buskirk, chairwoman of the House Committee for CWF is arranging for this. Cleaning will be done on a variety of days and a variety of times. Please call her to tell her a time convenient for you to work.

THE CHURCH WILL HAVE TICKETS FOR THE APPEARANCE IN FORT WAYNE OF DR. JAMES DOBSON ON APRIL 28.  
Watch for details!

THIS "THANK YOU" LETTER WAS SENT TO ALL OF US IN Dr. Hamm's name

Dear Rev. Hamm:

The vision and commitment of the First Christian Church to be in ecumenical mission is indicated in so many ways by your congregation. Because your people believe there is a viable expression of the Body of Christ in being together, the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County, Inc., IS.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to express particular appreciation for the financial participation of \$3,960.50, which your church gave in 1981 in budgeted support. According to the membership figure of 542, which we have for your church, this classifies First Christian as a Second Mile Church (\$5.00 or more per resident communicant member). This is the highest category!

You should know that, in addition, groups within your fellowship gave \$350.00 and interested individuals contributed \$345.00.

Blessings on you and your people for a continuing fruitful ministry.

Peace,

Melvin R. Phillips,  
Executive Minister,  
Associated Churches

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THRU LENT TO EASTER (from page 1)

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 *Easter Egg Hunt for children.*

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 EASTER SUNDAY

Prayer Chain ends.

6:30 A.M. *Easter Morning Sunrise Service* followed by a *Breakfast* at  
7:45 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL at 9:00 A.M. and EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP at  
10:15 A.M. Dr. Richard L. Hamm bringing the message "How Else Could  
We Have Known". Text: John 3:16-17 and John 20:1-8. Baptismal Service for those making decisions.

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DR. HAMM'S INSTALLATION ON APRIL 18

Dr. Hamm will be installed as our Senior Pastor in a worship service at 10:15 A.M. on April 18. Dr. T.J. Liggett, President of Christian Theological Seminary and Rev. Ronald Parker, the Christian Church in Indiana will be special speakers for that service.



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#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### FRIDAY, MARCH 5

1:30 P.M. World Day of Prayer

Service (see page 2)

##### SATURDAY, MARCH 6

10:00 A.M. Pastor's Class

##### SUNDAY, MARCH 7

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:15 P.M. Fellowship Supper

6:00 P.M. Lenten Study Series

Adult Class, Children's Class

6:00 P.M. Youth Groups

##### MONDAY, MARCH 8

12:00 Noon Rebecca Group,

Atz's Tillman Rd.

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild

7:30 P.M. Worship Committee

##### TUESDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

##### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

6:45 P.M. Starshine

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Gini

Brown, 4810 Tillman Rd.

7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Rose-

mary Krull 3466 S. Washington Rd.

##### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group at the church

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

BABY FOOD, CEREAL, CANNED MEAT,  
CRACKERS, PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED  
FRUIT, POWDERED MILK

#### YOU...TH NEWS

##### CHI RHO

For the next three weeks, the Chi Rho youth will be practicing for and participating in Lenten Puppet Theater. This production will be presented during the church school hour (9:00 A.M.) on Sunday, March 28. Come, join us!

##### CYF

CYF youth will continue to study "Working Thru My Hang-ups", a Serendipity Study. Come join us for fellowship and discussion.

##### LEGGS EGGS NEEDED

On Saturday, April 10, First Christian Church will have its annual Easter Egg Hunt for its children (Nur. I - 5th Grade).

And...the Easter Bunny would like to request people to give their LEGGS EGGS (hosiery containers) to the church for the bunny's use.

#### MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARCH 7 -13, 1982

Robert Orr (7)

Cora Harnish (7)

Elizabeth Flesher (8)

Jerry Warner (8)

Vada Tatman (8)

Rex Alan Clifton (9)

Arthur Busse (10)

Kathleen Simon (10)

Mary McCarthy (12)

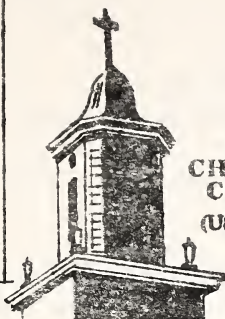
Florence Palmer (12)

Kevin Mory (12)

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## ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO PREACH NEXT SUNDAY

"Have a 'Free' Sample" will be the sermon of Rev. Gary Nunnally, Associate Pastor, when he preaches at both the 8:15 and 10:45 o'clock worship services next Sunday morning. The Scripture is Matthew 11:7-11. Dr. Thompson will be worship leader.

The Chancel Choir, directed by Ann Hayes, will present another uplifting anthem in the 10:45 A.M. service. Becky Stucky will be the soloist in both the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. hours.

During this Pre-Easter period, called Lent by some churches, a great spiritual pilgrimage toward the celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death challenges every Christian to draw closer to the Lord in worship. May every member and friend of First Christian come this Sunday!

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## SPECIAL SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

For five Sundays only, beginning March 21, Church School will be at 9:00 A.M. and then one worship service at 10:15 A.M. The return to the regular schedule will be made on April 25. Each of the five Sundays will carry a special emphasis intended to demonstrate unity and strength as the interim ministry leads into that of the permanent Senior Pastor. Let us make this a great period for our church!

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*"Christ died for you, and asks you to live for Him."*

SERVING MARCH 14  
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and  
Janet Weicker  
10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and  
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Olson-SW, J. Briggs-  
NW, P. Yentes, M. Hutchinson  
10:45 A.M. B. Norman-SW, S. Knuck-  
les-NW, K. Flickinger-SE, T. Har-  
ter-NE, S. Grimm, B. Kerley, H.  
Stevenson, M. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.

Ennis Brown - Nena Lucas  
William Johnson - Jim Hudlow  
Bob Pauley - Max Finkhousen  
Fred Smell - Jefferson Young

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Chip Olson & Pat Mullen

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Betty & Merle Grimm  
10:45 A.M. Ben & Val Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Carole Overmyer

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

LUTHERAN:

771 - Mrs. Charline Craig  
694 - Mrs. Ardith Wrisk  
623 - Mrs. Hilda Frederick  
(Mamie Caldwell's sister)

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

Our congratulations to Paul and Rita Marshall, friends of the church, at the birth of a son, Phillip Edmond Marshall on March 2. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ellis are maternal grandparents.

VISITOR IN WORSHIP  
(first-time visitor last Sunday)  
Miss Amy Shuler, 3405 Broadway

ELDER'S MEETING

The Elders will meet this Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. in the Conference Room. All Elders are needed!

STARSHINE TO ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN

STARSHINE will be ministering this Sunday March 14, at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Mel Busse is the Director of Music at St. Luke's.

THANK YOU FOR WORK DONE

Our thanks to George and Virginia Bruckman for having the curtains and drapes in Fellowship Hall cleaned!

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP IN PROGRESS

The Kitchen Clean-up is still in progress. More volunteers are needed for this annual clean-up of a much-used portion of our building. Call Peg Buskirk (745-3365) to volunteer some time.

52 FOR LENTEN FELLOWSHIP SUPPER!

Our thanks to the Harmony Class who served the Fellowship Supper last Sunday to 52 persons (24 were youth and children). What a great time we are having in Fellowship and study!

EASTER LILIES

We will be purchasing Easter lilies for the Chancel area on Easter Sunday. Persons wishing to donate money for this project may do so by marking it "Lilies".



## WEEK OF COMPASSION GIVING

Our giving to the Week of Compassion through the special over-and-above gifts was \$1,027.50. Our thanks to all who supported this special offering.

## PRAYER CHAIN SIGN-UP

There will be opportunity to sign up for the Maundy Thursday - Easter Sunday Prayer Chain. The sign up board will be placed in Fellowship Hall before and after Church School and after worship hours. During the week it will be in the church office where you may stop by and sign up or call in to sign up for an available time. This Prayer Chain will begin immediately following the end of the Maundy Thursday Service and continue until the beginning of the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday morning.

## DOBSON TICKETS

As we announced last week, we will have tickets to the appearance of Dr. James Dobson and his wife, Shirley in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, April 28 at the Memorial Coliseum. However, the only way we may have the number of tickets we want is to provide names for each ticket. If you did not sign up for tickets last Sunday, please do so by calling the church office before Sunday or by signing during worship on Sunday. That will be our last chance! You may invite friends and secure tickets through our church for them--but we need their names too! Pam Bickel is serving as our Ticket Coordinator and we will get tickets to those who requested them.

## ALL-CHURCH DINNER ON MARCH 28

We will have an All-Church Fellowship Dinner on Sunday March 28, immediately following the worship hour. The dinner will honor Maurice and Avis Thompson on their last Sunday with us. The church will furnish meat, drink, and rolls. Families should bring additional food to share and their own table service. Because of providing meat, we will be asking families to make reservations for this meal. You may sign up this Sunday during worship or by calling the church office.

## WE NEED MEN FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

### SERVICE DRAMA

Men are needed to participate in the drama for Maundy Thursday, April 8. Please express your interest to one of the pastors or the church office.

## MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARCH 14 - 20, 1982

Ethel Shroyer (14)  
Mike Akers (15)  
Mark Akers (15)  
Wayne Koehlinger (15)  
Stephan Ludwig (15)  
Carole Overmyer (15)  
George Bruckman (16)  
Rex L. Clifton (16)  
Robert Ogles (16)  
Max Finkhousen (17)  
Mike Novachcoff (17)  
Edna Shoe (18)  
Melanie (Baughen) Springer (19)  
Vincent Wells (19)  
Pauline Auer (20)  
Laura (Kreischer) Manes (20)  
Ruby Mowery (20)

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#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### SATURDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

10:00 A.M. Pastor's Class

##### SUNDAY, MARCH 14

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours

9:30 A.M. Church School

2:30 P.M. Board of Elders

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:15 P.M. Fellowship Supper

6:00 P.M. Lenten Study for

Adults and Children

6:00 P.M. Youth Groups

##### TUESDAY, MARCH 16

12:30 P.M. Leave from parking lot for visit to Flinn Home

##### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

6:45 P.M. Starshine

##### THURSDAY, MARCH 18

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT,

OATS, CANNED FRUIT, BABY

FOOD

#### LEGG EGGS NEEDED!

The Easter Bunny will be needing empty Legg Egg Pantyhose containers again this year for the EASTER EGG HUNT. They may be left in the office. Thank you!

#### 1982 CAMP & CONFERENCE SCHEDULE THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIANA

*(We are listing the dates for camps and conferences at Barbee for this summer. We have dates in the office for events at Indian Lake and Bedford too.)*

THEME: "THE WORD IS A VERB"

LEVEL I (Those entering 5th & 6th grades next fall)

FEE: \$68 (fees not raised this year! Our church pays half)

GENERAL June 28-July 3

GENERAL July 12-17

LEVEL II (Those entering 7th & 8th grades next fall)

FEE: \$68 (church pays half)

SPORTS SKILLS (\$72) July 5-10

GENERAL July 19-24

LEVEL III (Those entering 9th-12th grades next fall)

FEE: \$76 for general conference, higher for special events)

CONFERENCE July 25-31

CONFERENCE August 1-7

*(We have full list of special events in the office which include "Ministry in the Inner-City", "Music, Arts, and Drama", "Sports Skills", "International Affairs", "Work Camp", and "Trail Camp".)*

YOUTH SELLING M & M CANDY! This candy sale is to underwrite some of the expenses of the youth Retreat In Motion trip this summer. Only 50¢ per box. See a member of the youth group!

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## EARLY HOURS FOR FIVE SUNDAYS

### BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. - CHURCH SCHOOL, with Adult Songfest in Fellowship Hall, and then Classes meeting as usual. The Learning Centers for Kindergarten through Grade 5 continue. There's an interesting class for all ages. Come!

10:15 A.M. - UNIFIED MORNING WORSHIP, with the whole congregation all together for a service of inspiration and information.

"Behold, He Who Comes to You!" is the subject upon which Dr. Thompson will speak, as he moves to conclude his interim ministry here. Readings suggested are Philippians 2:25-30 and Philemon 4-7, 17. Karen Flickinger will be Lay Leader.

This service is planned to be filled with great hymn singing, stimulating music by the Chancel Choir and soloist, Diane Mory, and the meaningful remembrance of our Lord at His Table.

Dr. Thompson has given strong emphasis to the importance of an awareness of the unity and oneness of the church, in which there is to be found added strength. Each of the next five Sundays carry a unique emphasis and reason for demonstrating our togetherness in a visible manner.

Every member, every family, every friend of First Christian is needed, invited, urged to strive for a perfect attendance in the next five Sundays!!! We count on each other -- Jesus counts on us all!!!



SERVING MARCH 21

ELDERS

10:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and  
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE and GREETERS

10:15 A.M. L. Finkhousen-SW, J.  
Bickel-NW, M. Callahan-SE, J. Hud-  
low-NE, M. Crouse, W. Bowen, R.  
Flickinger, B. Wyant

USHERS

10:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith  
A. Cook, H. Stevenson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Chip Olson and Pat Mullen

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

10:15 A.M. Jeanne Feltenberger  
Dorothy Schmidt

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Jerry Zimmerman family

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

LUTHERAN:

M-115 - Miss Pearl Heidecker

PARKVIEW:

226 - Mrs. Margaret Leversee

DEATH OF MEMBER

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Cecile Chevalier who died March 15. Memorial services were held March 18 with Dr. Thompson officiating.

THANKS FOR KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

Our thanks to the following who worked in our Kitchen Clean-Up project: Peg Buskirk, Candace Cole, Pat Norman, Val Taylor, Delores Keebortz and Miriam Bixenman.

FLOOD RELIEF AVAILABLE

Help for victims of the flood who are members of the Christian Church has been offered to us this past week. Dr. Spencer Austin, Interim Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana and Mr. John Andrea, Administrator of the Emily E. Flinn Home in Marion have both called with offers of help. Any member needing assistance and/or temporary housing should call the church office.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest members Wayne and Elizabeth "Liz" Johnson who came in transfers of membership this past Sunday. Wayne comes from the Northwest Christian Church in Columbus, Ohio and Liz from Faith United Methodist in North Canton, Ohio. Wayne and Liz are newly weds and reside at 4531 Calumet Ave. 06, 744-3670.

PRAYER GROUP BEGINNING

What happens when women pray? Wonderful things! Join us for the adventure as we begin a new sharing, praying support group on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Bring your concerns for yourself, friends, church.... anything you want to share. Open to all women on a regular basis or just once in awhile. We begin March 24. Child care at the church for \$2.00. Convened by Nancy Wyant, led by the Holy Spirit.

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VISITORS IN WORSHIP - March 14, 1982 (first-time visitors)

Virginia Preu, 2925 White Oak 05

Mrs. Ray Smith and Angie, 1823-3 Fox Point 16

Miss Michelle Carr and Mrs. Marsha Carr, 1713 Richfield

## PRAYER CHAIN SIGN-UP

Sign-up is now in progress for the 57-hour Prayer Chain which will begin immediately following the Maundy Thursday Communion Service on Thursday, April 8. The Prayer Chain will end with the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday morning. The sign-up board will be placed in Fellowship Hall before and after Church School and after Worship on Sunday mornings. During the week the sign-up board will be in the church office where you may stop by and sign up or call in to sign up for an available time.

During the Prayer Chain in the night hours, there will be men in the church building to assure security. The security hours will be from 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. Please think about a 30 or 60 minute personal meditation with Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and God.

The Worship Committee

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## ALL-CHURCH DINNER ON MARCH 28

We will be having an ALL-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER on Sunday, MARCH 28 immediately following the worship hour (this is one of the Sundays we will be having only one worship hour). The dinner is to honor Maurice and Avis Thompson on their last Sunday with us. The church will furnish the meat, drink and rolls. Families should bring additional food to share and their own table service. Because of the church providing the meat, we are asking families to make reservations so we will know how many to plan for. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up for this, please do so this Sunday during Worship or call the church office.

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## MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - MARCH 21 - 27, 1982

Bill Halbrook (21)	Steve Grimm (23)	Rosemary Krull (25)
Julia (Crouse) Brita (22)	Terry King (23)	Judi Hoagland (25)
Christine Dailey (22)	Bob Pauley (23)	Bob Briggs (26)
Pearl Heidecker (22)	Margaret Love (24)	Ed Hall (27)
Tom Banet (22)	John Glasgow (24)	Margaret Beachley (27)

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THOUGHT FOR LENT: "Three men died on Calvary: one for sin, one in sin, and one to sin. These three propositions cover the whole human race. Do not die in sin. Die to it by receiving as your Savior Him who died for it in your stead." -- George Guille

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

10:00 A.M. Pastor's Class

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

9:00 A.M. Church School

10:15 A.M. Morning Worship

3:00 P.M. Clowns

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:15 P.M. Fellowship Supper

6:00 P.M. Lenten Study for

Adults and Children

6:00 P.M. Youth Groups

MONDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel

Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

1:00 P.M. Prayer Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, POWDERED MILK,

CANNED MEAT, SOUP

THINGS NEEDS FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The Easter Bunny still needs empty LEGGS EGGS (hose containers) for the Easter Egg Hunt. These may be left in the church office.

Empty frozen 6 oz. juice cans are needed for children's Easter offering containers. Leave in box provided at the south entrance.

CHI RHO

Next Sunday, March 21, is our LAST practice session for the Lenten Puppet Presentation. All youth and children who have been participating in this program on Sunday evenings must be here so that we can go over the whole presentation.

The program will be a combination of singing and talking skits, with the songs "I Am a Promise", "It's a Miracle", "Kid's Under Construction", and two skits.

CYF

In two weeks, we will be going over to West Creighton Christian Church at 1:30 to help put together buttons for the CYF Regional Assembly. That evening we WILL NOT have youth groups but the Handbell Choir WILL meet. Youth are encouraged to stay for the evening Fellowship Supper.

M & M'S STILL ON SALE!

Both youth groups, Chi Rho and CYF will be selling M & M's this Sunday during the coffee hour. The money they receive will be put towards the RETREAT IN MOTION TRIP (R.I.M.) we will be taking this summer. R.I.M. is a Christian orientated trip which involves spiritual growth and some fun activities. So please help support our youth by buying a box or two of M & M's. 50¢ each or two for \$1.00.

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## DR. THOMPSON TO GIVE FINAL SERMON

### AS INTERIM PASTOR

"In Unbroken Line" will be the final sermon by Dr. J. Maurice Thompson in the United Service of Christian Worship this Sunday, March 28, at 10:15 A.M., as he concludes a thirteen month's interim for this church as Senior Pastor.

Rev. Gary Nunnally, Associate Pastor, will preside at the Lectern, giving also the Children's Sermonette.

The message in vocal music will include the anthem, "I Wonder Why?" by Pfautsch, presented by the Chancel Choir under the direction of Ann Hayes, with Jerry Zimmerman at the organ. The soloist for the service will be Becca Olson.

The entire membership is being challenged to rise to her best in these final days of preparation for the coming of the new Senior Pastor, Dr. Richard L. Hamm of Kansas City, who will assume his duties here on April 1. Anyone who misses this great service of inspiration and challenge will have missed too much!

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### PUPPETS APPEAR IN AN ALL-CHURCH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The children and youth who have been participating in the Lenten Study on Sunday evenings will present a special Lenten All-Church School Assembly Program in Fellowship Hall for all ages. Classes should meet at 9:00 A.M. for roll taking and come to Fellowship Hall at 9:15. Families are asked to sit together.

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ALL-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER will begin immediately following the 10:15 Worship Hour. Meat, drink and rolls provided. Families bring additional food to share and their own table service. This Dinner honors the Thompsons on their last Sunday with us.

SERVING MARCH 28

ELDERS

10:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and  
Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

10:15 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, V. Taylor-NW, L. York-SE, E. Klepfer-NE,  
J. Jump, G. Falbe, J. Stucky, M.  
Finkhousen

USHERS

10:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
A. Cook, H. Stevenson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Don and Barbara Short

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.

Delores Keebortz - Bill Wyant  
Sam Hayes - Phyllis Tobias  
Mark Snyder - Lois Finkhousen  
Ben Taylor - Karen Rogers

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Val Taylor and Jim Stucky

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

231 - Mr. Troy Yeoman

ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

612 - Mr. Bethel Breeden

DEATHS OF MEMBERS

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Catherine Freed who died March 16. Memorial services were held in Pennsylvania.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of A. Kenneth Timmons who died on Sunday, March 21. Rev. Timmons was a minister of the Christian Church for 50 years. Memorial services were conducted by Dr. Thompson on Wednesday, March 24.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP (3/21)

John Snider and Carol Roush -

6228 S. Webster 07

Betty Zaklu - 5311 Hewitt Lane 15

WEDDING INVITATION

The congregation is cordially invited to the wedding celebration of Jaynie Jenkins and Matthew Bonahoom on Saturday, April 3, 1982 at 6:30 P.M. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER CHAIN SIGN-UP

Our 57-Hour Chain of Prayer between Maundy Thursday night and Easter Sunday morning is not filled with names at this writing. The sign-up board is available at the church at all times. Come by or phone in. We also need men to volunteer for the night hours from 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. as building security.

BLANKETS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Although the CWF Blanket Drive is coming up for Church World Service, we have a local need. Blankets may then be given to the Fort Wayne flood relief. Watch the media for announcements concerning current needs and respond where you can. Our thanks to the many who have donated their time, money and resources in so many ways!

THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for the expressions of love - the calls, the visits, the cards, the flowers and food at the time of Cecile's death. They all mean so much.

Robert Chevalier and  
family

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## HOLY WEEK EVENTS FOR OUR PARTICIPATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 at 12:00 Noon - The Christian Women's Fellowship will sponsor a Sacrificial Luncheon and Program for the entire church -- men and women. The luncheon, eaten in silence, gives time for personal meditation and commitment. The program, "Death to Fear, Victory of Love" is a dramatic presentation emphasizing the presence of God in our lives -- in our despair, our hope and our victory in Him. Conclusion time is 1:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 - PALM SUNDAY and DECISION DAY - Church School at 9:00 A.M. and one worship hour at 10:15. Dr. Hamm will preach using the text, Mark 11:1-10. The sermon is titled "Triumph". The Choir will share special music. This is Decision Day when persons will be making all important decisions for Christ and the Church.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8 - MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION at 7:30 P.M. - This quiet service of Holy Communion will feature a narrated Upper Room drama. THE 57 HOUR CHAIN OF PRAYER WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE END OF THIS WORSHIP SERVICE AND CONCLUDE AT SUNRISE ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 - GOOD FRIDAY - South Fort Wayne Churches will hold their Good Friday service at Calvary Presbyterian Church, corner of Capital and Anthony from 1:30 to 2:30 P.M. The offering from this service will go to support our Food Bank.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 - EASTER EGG HUNT - The church will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for our children on the lawn (hopefully) from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 - EASTER SUNDAY - A Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30 A.M. A breakfast will follow at 7:45 A.M. Church School will be at 9:00 A.M. Easter Sunday Worship will be at 10:15. Dr. Hamm's Sermon will be "How Else Could We Have Known" with the text John 3:16-17 and 20:1-8. There will also be a service of baptism.

*NOTE: We plan to use Easter lilies on Easter Sunday morning. Money toward their purchase may be given at any time in any amount. Please mark "Lilies".*

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### MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - MARCH 28 - APRIL 3, 1982

Kim (Johnson) Borton (28)	Maude Donohue (29)	Bill Urich (31)
James Buchanan (28)	Sylvia Smith (29)	Rose Jenkins (1)
Wayne Rousseau (28)	Nancy Wyant (30)	Gladys Harshbarger (1)
Lelia McBride (28)	Pam Akers (30)	Tom Knuckles (1)
Linda Hendrickson (28)	Connie Wells (30)	Marshall Smith (2)
Sylvia Engle (3)	Anna Chasar (3)	



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#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### SATURDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast  
10:00 A.M. Pastor's Class  
1:00 P.M. Puppet Rehearsal

##### SUNDAY, MARCH 28

9:00 A.M. Church School  
All-Church School Assembly  
10:15 A.M. Morning Worship  
with All-Church Dinner to follow

1:30 P.M. Youth to West Creighton Christian

4:00 P.M. Bell Choir

5:15 P.M. Fellowship Supper

6:00 P.M. Lenten Study

##### MONDAY, MARCH 29

9:30 A.M. Study Group

7:30 P.M. Pastoral Relations

##### TUESDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Rehearsal

##### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

1:00 P.M. Prayer Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

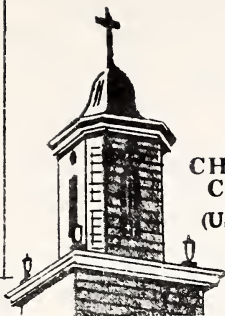
##### THURSDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER, JELLO, BABY FOOD, CANNED FRUIT



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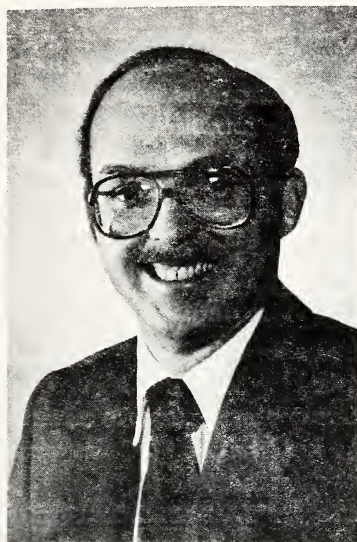
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## INTRODUCING OUR SENIOR PASTOR -

DR. RICHARD L. HAMM

Dick Hamm, our new senior pastor, has just completed his ministry with North Oak Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri. He was the organizing pastor of this congregation in 1975. He has also served pastorates in Indiana and Kansas.

Dick was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana, but lived with his family in St. Petersburg, Florida for most of his growing-up years. He returned to Indiana to attend Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary in

Indianapolis. He holds the A.B. degree in Religion and the Doctor of Ministry degree in Culture and Personality. He has traveled in Asia and the Caribbean, and has intensely studied issues pertaining to the economic development of the Third World.

Dick has served as Moderator of the Christian Church of Greater Kansas City, an organization of some 40,000 members, and has twice been named an Outstanding Young Man of America (1973, 1981).

Dick and Mindy have two children, David and Laura. They enjoy organic gardening, astronomy and cooking.

The Hamm's look forward to living in Fort Wayne and becoming a part of the life and ministry of First Christian Church.

LET'S BE PRESENT SUNDAY TO WELCOME DICK, MINDY, DAVID AND LAURA AND JOIN IN THE WORSHIP OF OUR LORD ON PALM SUNDAY AT 10:15 A.M.



SERVING APRIL 4

ELDERS

10:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and  
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

10:15 A.M. J. Jump-SW, K. Rogers-NW,  
L. York-SE, M. Finkhousen-NE,  
P. Mullen, V. Taylor, G. Falbe,  
J. Stucky

USHERS

10:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
A. Cook, H. Stevenson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Wayne & Liz Johnson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Val Taylor and Jim Stucky

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill and Nancy Wyant

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 477 - Mrs. Elizabeth Moody

M-317 - Mr. Clover Branstrator

PARKVIEW: 406 - Mr. Robert Rayl

- Mr. Fred Smell

ST. JOSEPH: 612 - Mrs. Lillian Breeden

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

THANK YOU'S

*Thanks to you all for the many, many expressions of love and concern for Kenneth in his years of suffering and confinement. May we all remember: "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brothers, ye have done it unto me!"*

*In Christian love,*

*Beulah Timmons*

*Marvel Brickley, Belle Fry*

*I wish to take this means of expressing my appreciation to those who visited me, for the meditations and prayers, for the telephone calls, and the many cards I received while I was in the hospital. Thanks a million.*

*Margaret Leversee*

++++++HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES++++++

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 - SACRIFICIAL

LUNCHEON and PROGRAM

The Luncheon and program are for everyone! The CWF will have a short business meeting at 11:30 A.M. The Luncheon, a time of silent meditation, will begin at 12:00 followed by the program "Death of Fear, Victory of Love."

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 - PALM SUNDAY

and DECISION DAY

9:00 A.M. - Church School

10:15 A.M. - Worship. Dick Hamm preaching "Triumph" based on Mark 11:1-10. There will be special music including the Bell Choir. This is also Decision Sunday and we encourage Decisions for Christ and the Church.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8 - MAUNDY

THURSDAY COMMUNION

7:30 P.M. - A narrated Upper Room drama will highlight our service of Holy Communion.

THE PRAYER VIGIL BEGINS immediately following this service. TIMES ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN THE 57 HOUR VIGIL. Sign up on Sunday or by calling the Church Office.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 - GOOD FRIDAY

1:30 P.M. Good Friday Worship at Calvary Presbyterian

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 - EASTER

EGG HUNT - 1:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 - EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 A.M. Sunrise Service

7:45 A.M. Breakfast

(Sign-up this Sunday)

9:00 A.M. Church School

10:15 A.M. Worship, Dick Hamm preaching "How Else Could We Have Known". A service of Christian baptism.



## A FINAL MOMENT WITH MAURICE.....

Mission Completed! Thirteen months ago, you called me to serve as Interim Senior Pastor until a successor to your last regular minister could be secured. That has been done!

During the interim we have "practiced" increasingly good pastor-people relations. You have demonstrated how wonderful you can be, and prepared yourselves with confidence and commitment for the New Day with the coming of Dr. Hamm and his family. The past is gone - the future lies before you!

Receive your new minister in the regal manner of which you are so capable. He comes, at your invitation, to be your pastor, preacher, priest, promoter, and a human person, just as each of you are, not perfect, but pressing toward the goals set by our Lord Jesus Christ. Under his guidance, and with the staff and leadership you have, God will bless and lead you forward!

My position is now that of John the Baptist, forerunner to Jesus, who pointed to the Lord and said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." That your new pastor may have the right-of-way, I now let go of you professionally, though personally Avis and I shall hold you dear in our hearts of love.

And now - our deep and sincere thanks for another wonderful experience with you, to be forever etched in our memory! Until we meet again, may the good Lord watch over you, guide you always, and love you unto the end!

With our unceasing love and prayers,

*Maurice and Avis*

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER - April 4-10

Stella Houk (4)  
Sharon Pauley (5)  
Anne Shirley (5)  
Reba Fusselman (6)  
Scott Keebortz (6)  
Teresa Meadows (6)  
Genevieve Ripple (6)  
Gary Helmke (7)  
Ann Sands (9)  
Ethel Flowers (10)  
Betty Grimm (10)  
Charles Ludwig (10)

### EASTER EGG HUNT

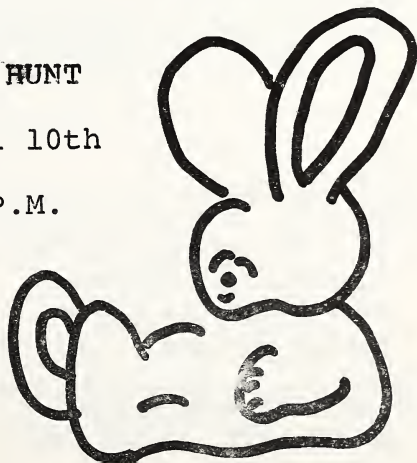
Saturday, April 10th

1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

for all

children in

Nursery I --  
Grade 5



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#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### SATURDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 A.M. Pastor's Class  
11:30 A.M. CWF Business Meeting  
12:00 Noon Sacrificial Luncheon  
and Program  
6:30 P.M. Jenkins-Bonahoom

Wedding and Reception

##### SUNDAY, APRIL 4 - PALM SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. Church School  
10:15 A.M. Worship - Decision Day  
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

##### TUESDAY, APRIL 6

7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee

##### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

1:00 P.M. Prayer Group

##### THURSDAY, APRIL 8 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Communion Service - Upper Room  
Drama

Prayer Vigil begins

##### FRIDAY, APRIL 9 - GOOD FRIDAY

Prayer Vigil continues

1:30 P.M. Good Friday Services  
at Calvary Presbyterian Church  
corner of Capital and Anthony

##### SATURDAY, APRIL 10

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast  
1:00 P.M. Easter Egg Hunt  
Prayer Vigil continues  
until Sunrise, Easter  
Sunday morning

#### FORUM ON TEENAGE CRISES

Beginning this week, First Christian Church will be offering our youth and area youth (Chi Rho and CYF) and their parents several opportunities to attend a FORUM ON TEENAGE CRISES at 5:30 P.M. on Sunday evenings in the youth lounge.

The following schedule has been set:

APRIL 4 - American Lung Association: focusing on Health Hazards of Smoking Cigarettes and Marijuana and why young people start.

##### APRIL 11 - EASTER

No youth meetings

##### APRIL 16-18 - REGIONAL CYF

ASSEMBLY - no youth meetings

##### APRIL 25 - Switchboard, Inc.

"Teenage Runaway and Suicide"

##### MAY 9 - American Cancer Society

"What Smoking Can Do to Your Body"

##### MAY 16 - "A Christian, Ethical and Emotional Look at Pre-Marital Sex"

##### MAY 23 - "Teenage Alcoholism"

All Area I Christian Churches and any one else is invited to attend these informative and interesting presentations. Mark your calendars--you won't want to miss them!

##### SUNDAY, APRIL 11 - EASTER

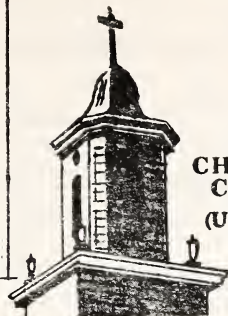
6:30 A.M. Sunrise Service  
7:45 A.M. Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. Church School  
10:15 A.M. Worship

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED SOUP, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED MEAT, PEANUT BUTTER

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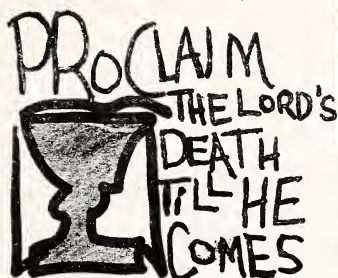
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## WORSHIP EXPERIENCES THIS WEEK



Maundy Thursday Communion  
Thursday, April 8  
7:30 P.M.

Upper Room Drama  
(A narrated portrayal of the  
Upper Room experience with  
Jesus and the disciples.)



COMMUNITY GOOD  
FRIDAY WORSHIP

1:30 - 2:30 P.M.

Calvary Presbyterian Church  
(corner Capitol and Anthony Blvd.)

Dr. Hamm, Rev. Nunnally, our  
Handbell Choir and Pat Mullen  
will participate in the lead-  
ership of this service. The  
offering will benefit our  
Food Bank program.



EASTER SUNDAY

CELEBRATION

6:30 A.M. Sunrise  
Service

7:45 A.M. Breakfast

9:00 A.M. Church  
School

(classes for every age)



Our WORSHIP HOUR at 10:15 A.M.  
will include great music by  
our choir. Those making dec-  
isions for Christ will be bap-  
tized. Dr. Hamm's sermon is  
titled, "How Else Could We  
Have Known." Text is John 3:  
16-17 and John 20:1-8.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!



SERVING APRIL 11

ELDERS

10:15 A.M. Judy Church and  
William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

10:15 A.M. K. Flickinger-SE, M.  
Mullen-NW, N. Lucas-SE, T. Harter-  
NE, S. Knuckles, S. Grimm, B. Nor-  
man, H. Stevenson

USHERS

10:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
H. Stevenson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Joe and Linda Wiley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.

Miriam Bixenman - Jim Jump  
Glenn Miller - Eileen Klepfer  
Cecil Rice - Walter Bowen  
Barbara Short - William Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mike Mullen & Mike Callahan

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Dave & Ellyn Kreischer

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

477- Mrs. Elizabeth Moody

ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

PARKVIEW: Bob Rayl was trans-  
ferred this week to a hospital  
in Chicago for further treatment.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLYWEDS...

Our congratulations to Jaynie  
Jenkins and Matthew Bonahoom who  
were married in our sanctuary on  
Saturday, April 3 by Dr. Thompson  
and Dr. Hamm. The Bonahooms are  
residing at 2704 Paulding Rd. #7.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP (4/4/82)

Jim Joseph, 5605 S. Webster 07

WELCOME TO THE FIRST FAMILY

Seven young people made their  
confession of faith Sunday and  
will be baptized Easter Sunday!  
We wish to extend a warm and  
hardy welcome to Eric Mory,  
Larry Taylor, Jeanne Norman,  
Julie Briggs, Tammy Davis, Amy  
Hayes, and Krista Rogers.

We also welcome Dick and  
Mindy Hamm, who transferred  
their membership from Kansas  
City, Missouri.

THANKS TO THE CHURCH!

Thank you First Christian family  
God's love came to me through  
so many caring and supportive  
people during my recent hospi-  
talization.

I wish to thank Dr. Thompson,  
Rev. Nunnally, Karen Flickinger,  
Janet Weicker, and others for  
their visits and thanks to those  
who sent me cards and letters.

Your prayers and loving con-  
cern have blessed me and are ap-  
preciated more than mere words  
can express.

In Christian love,  
Charline Craig.

THANKS to all who contributed  
to my Big Brother's Bowling  
I collected \$309.55!

Bruce Lehman

CONGRATULATIONS ERIC!

Our congratulations to Eric  
Zimmerman who was selected to  
accompany the Youth Choir from  
Faith United Methodist Church as  
percussionist. They are tour-  
ing in Texas during the Spring  
Break. Becki Nunnally directs  
the group.

PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What an exciting time of the Church year to arrive! I hope you are able to take advantage of the many worship opportunities available this week.

We are now in our home at 1031 W. Sherwood Terrace, 46807, phone number - 745-4536. We like the house and the neighborhood very much and feel fortunate to have found a "just right" place. Again, thank you all for the many expressions of welcome and helpfulness. The staff and members have just been great.

I'll be seeing you Sunday for the great celebration of Easter!

Love,

*Dick*

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FROM THE OUTREACH & SERVICE COMMITTEE:

Dear Christian Friends:

Jesus ministry on earth was, in many ways, a series of gifts for life: healing the sick; feeding the hungry; making the lame walk and the blind see.

In like manner, many of the outreach ministries of the church enhance life. Marjorie Hill's work with the Voluntary Health Association of India is a good example. By training uneducated persons to teach the basics of sanitation, hygiene and nutrition, they can prevent about 80% of the diseases usually found in the villages.

Your Easter offering through Basic Mission Finance helps make "Gifts for Life" possible. Please make your gift a generous one. Our goal is \$1,500.

Sincerely yours,

Pam Bickel,  
Outreach & Service Chairperson

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##### FRIDAY, APRIL 9 - Good Friday

Prayer Vigil continues

12:00 Noon Church Offices closes

1:30 P.M. Good Friday Worship  
at Calvary Presbyterian Church  
(Capitol and Anthony)

##### SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Prayer Vigil continues

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

1:00 P.M. Easter Egg Hunt

##### SUNDAY, APRIL 11 - Easter Sunday

6:30 A.M. Sunrise Service

7:45 A.M. Easter Breakfast

10:15 A.M. Morning Worship

##### MONDAY, APRIL 12

12:00 Noon Rebecca Group

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,  
Edna Vaught, 4035 Fairfield

7:30 P.M. Worship Committee

##### TUESDAY, APRIL 13

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

##### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

1:00 P.M. Prayer Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Sharon  
Pauley, 2720 Marcy Lane

7:30 P.M. Martha Group at the  
church

##### THURSDAY, APRIL 15

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT,  
PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT

#### MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

APRIL 11 - 17

Becky Glasgow (12)

Jim Heavins (13)

Bud O'Laughlin (13)

Phyllis Tobias (13)

John Merrill, Jr. (13)

Fern Strole (14)

Golden Rose (14)

Ruth Vost (14)

Diane Freimuth (16)

Richard Jackson (16)

Lillian Busse (17)

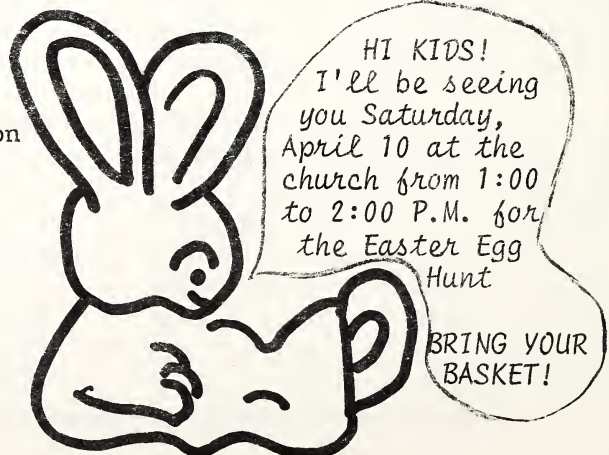
Nick Neirn (17)

Edward Wooldridge (17)

#### CYF TO REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

APRIL 16-18 in Lafayette

Our CYF will be well represented at the Regional Assembly to be held in Lafayette April 16-18. Those attending include: Tony York, Tim and Sharon Knuckles, Darrin and David Lancaster, Tim and Bob Briggs, Klark Kerley, Kristin Byers, Sherri Melchi, Becca and Chip Olson and Gary Nunnally.





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## INSTALLATION OF DR. HAMM THIS SUNDAY

Our new Senior Minister, Dr. Richard L. Hamm, will be officially installed this Sunday, April 18, at 10:15 A.M. Participants in the program will include: Dr. T.J. Liggett, the President of Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis, who will be the speaker; Ron Parker, the Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana; and Mel Phillips, the Executive Minister of the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

Dr. Liggett served as a pastor and educator in Latin America for some 20 years. He was an officer of the United Christian Missionary Society of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for 8 years. He has been President of Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis since 1974. Dr. Liggett has also been active in the National and World Council of Churches. He is a widely recognized speaker and respected churchman.

There will also be a reception honoring Dick, Mindy, David and Laura from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M. in the Parlor. The community is invited, of course.

This promises to be a great day! Let's all be present to support Dick in this new beginning!

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SERVING APRIL 18

ELDERS

10:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and  
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

10:15 A.M. B. Wyant-SW, R. Flick-  
inger-NW, M. Callahan-SE, B. Nor-  
man-NE, J. Hudlow, M. Crouse, W.  
Bowen, J. Bickel

USHERS

10:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
H. Stevenson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

Mike and Pat Mullen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mike Mullen & Mike Callahan

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Bill Lehman family and  
Sherri Melchi

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

477 - Mrs. Elizabeth Moody

ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

THANK YOU

Dear Friends of First  
Christian Church,

Thank you for the cheery get well  
cards, and a special thanks to Dr.  
Thompson, Rev. Nunnally, Miss Mil-  
dred Hartman, Miss Mildred Hutch-  
inson, Mrs. Weicker and Mrs. Flick-  
inger for their visits and prayers.

Pearl Heidecker

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations to Sara  
Davis who is a University Alumni  
Society nominee for Who's Who Among  
Students in American Universities  
and Colleges.

FORUM ON TEENAGE CRISIS

5:30 P.M. Sunday, April 25th

"Teenage Suicide and Runaways"

CONGRATULATIONS

John Flickinger made his con-  
fession of faith and was bap-  
tized this last Sunday. Also  
baptized were Eric Mory, Larry  
Taylor, Julie Briggs, Tammy  
Davis, Amy Hayes, Krista Rogers,  
and Jeannie Norman.

Congratulations to each of  
you!

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE

APRIL 25

Beginning April 25, First  
Christian will return to its  
regular Sunday morning schedule:

Worship at 8:15 A.M.

Church School at 9:30 A.M.

Worship at 10:45 A.M.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP 4/4/82

FORT WAYNE VISITORS:

R.I. & Mimi Westerfield & fam-  
ily, Mrs. Louis Ellis, Mrs. Joan  
McKerracher, Susan Stellhorn,  
Lisa Perkins, Jim Wrisk, Dyran  
Wass, Mrs. Charles Crampton,  
Dick Rudibough, and Carla Swan-  
son.

OUT OF TOWN VISITORS:

Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Mullen, Miss  
Gladys Silmer, Mr. & Mrs. Mal-  
colm Simmons, Joe & Sharon Eld-  
ridge, Gerry Breseada, Gladys  
Palmer, Esther Johnson, Mr. &  
Mrs. Allyn Plambeck & family,  
Mr. & Mrs. William Kiesling &  
family, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Foltz  
& family, Mrs. Arlene Skinner,  
Miss Cheryl Schackel, John  
Treible, Laura Wood, Tim Bur-  
chill, Mr. & Mrs. Matt Cole &  
family, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Bowker  
& family, Hazel Millis and Ter-  
esa Parker.

Thank you for honoring us and  
God by your presence in worship!  
Worship with us when you can.

## PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What an exciting day Easter Sunday was! Some 70 people joined together for Easter Sunrise Service and some 373 were in Morning Worship! Thanks to the many people who helped to make all of Holy Week a smashing success. There were many hours of labor required to make it all possible.

Seeing people having to sit in the balcony Sunday was a real blessing to everyone. I believe we will see this often before too long....accept that as a challenge, shall we?

I'm looking forward to the Installation Sunday. Hope to see you there!

Love,

*Dick*

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## REFLECTIONS

I want to share a story with you that has meaning for me.

"I want some," said the cow, as did the duck. "I want my share," said the goose." "No soap," said the little red hen, "I'll just take it easy for a while and enjoy my bread." "Excess profits," said the cow. "Capitalistic leech," cried the duck. "Company fink," shouted the goose, while the pig demanded equal rights.

Pretty soon the farmer came to investigate the commotion.

"You must not be greedy," he told the hen. "Look at the oppressed cow, the disadvantaged duck, the underprivileged pig, the less fortunate goose. You are making second class citizens of them." "BUT I earned the bread," the little red hen said, "Exactly!" the farmer said, "That is the free enterprise system. Anybody can earn as much as he wants. In other barnyards, you would have to give all five loaves to the farmer. Here, you keep one and give four loaves to your suffering neighbors."

And they all lived happily ever after? Including the LITTLE RED HEN, WHOSE NEIGHBORS...NEVER CEASED TO WONDER WHY IN THE WORLD SHE NEVER RAISED ANY MORE WHEAT OR BAKED ANY MORE BREAD.

Everyone should think long and seriously about this simple tale and the much larger lesson it could teach. BECAUSE when the little red hen QUILTS we are all through!

The same can be said for church members. Too many times we leave the work to only a few. As we begin in the months ahead plan to do something for your church. As Paul said to the Corinthians: "For a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries." (1 Cor.16:9) Truly, this is a great opportunity for effective work, let us all be a part of the life of First Christian Church in the months ahead."

*Gary*



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FRIDAY-SUNDAY, April 16-18

CYF to Youth Regional Assembly

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

9:00 A.M. Church School

10:15 A.M. Morning Worship

"Installation Sunday"

2:00 P.M. Reception for Hamms

Church Parlor

No youth groups this Sunday

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

7:30 P.M. Lafayette Place

Neighborhood Association in

Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

1:00 P.M. Prayer Group

6:45 P.M. Starshine

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

APPLESAUCE, POWDERED MILK,  
SOUP, CANNED MEAT, PEANUT  
BUTTER

#### WORLD'S FAIR SPACE AVAILABLE

There are two seats available on the bus and one room which comes with a bunk bed, linen/towels, and two (2) two-day tickets to the World's Fair. The cost for two persons is \$158.00, one person is \$95.00, and \$68.00 if two people drive their own car. If interested, call the church office, 744-3239. Open to anyone.

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#### MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

APRIL 18 - 24, 1982

Iva Imbody (19)

David Moody (19)

Cindy Yentes (19)

Arlene Downes (20)

Robby Pauley (20)

Myrna Steigerwald (20)

Julia Hendricks (21)

Gail Roe (21)

Karen Zimmerman (21)

Opal Carper (21)

Laura Marks (22)

Sherri Melchi (22)

Dean Howard (22)

Joe Snouffer (23)

Cathy Stucker (23)

Becca Olson (23)

Vernabelle McCandless (23)

#### APPRECIATION FOR CLOWN MINISTRY GROUP:

Dear Rev. Nunnally,

St. Joseph Hospital Pediatrics Department wishes to thank the First Christian Church Clown Group for their visit on Saturday, March 13. The children really enjoyed their visit and we appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering our sick children. Please thank this group for their pleasant visit.

St. Joseph Hospital  
Pediatrics Department

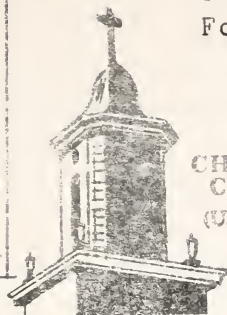
#### FREE HEALTH CHECK APRIL 23-24.

We have been asked to announce a Free Health Check to be held on April 23 and 24 in Southtown Mall. Free checks will be made for anemia, blood pressure, vision and oral cancer. For a fee of \$8, a complete blood chemistry will be done.

Miss Mildred Hartman  
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## TWO WORSHIP SERVICES AGAIN

Because of various special events over the past five weeks, we temporarily moved to one worship service. However, beginning this Sunday, April 25, we will return to our regular schedule: Worship at 8:15 A.M., Church School at 9:30 A.M., Worship at 10:45 A.M. Choose your worship time and bring a guest!

### LOOK WHO'S VISITING!

Out of town visitors: Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Fishbaugh, Donald Janeway, Charles Janeway, Ola Mae Janeway, Robert Janeway, Barbara Janeway, Mary Ellen Janeway, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Janeway, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Janeway, T.J. & Virginia Liggett, John & Marsha Wolfersberger, Ron Parker.

Fort Wayne visitors: Mel Phillips, John Howell

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### FORUM ON TEENAGE CRISES - SUNDAY, APRIL 25 - 5:30 P.M.

TEENAGE SUICIDE AND RUNAWAYS - Mr. Mike Lynch, Director of Switchboard, Inc. will be discussing the various reasons why youth run away and why they commit suicide. He will also be focusing on what resources are available in Fort Wayne in these crisis areas.

Everyone is welcome - Meeting in Youth Lounge

SERVING APRIL 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and  
Emmis Brown  
10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and  
Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, C. Olson-  
NW, B. Briggs, M. Hutchinson  
10:45 A.M. N. Lucas-SW, L. York-NW,  
T. Harter-SE, E. Klepfar-NE, K. Flic-  
kingier, S. Knuckles, H. Stevenson,  
B. Kerley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
E. Snouffer  
10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, C. Schnob-  
el, K. Mory

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. E. & R. Fusselman  
10:45 A.M. R. & G. Ripple

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Max & Lois Finkhausen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M.

Fred Smell-Mike Mullen  
Mark Snyder-Marvin Crouse  
Ben Taylor-Mildred Hutchinson  
Janet Weicker-Bernie Norman

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(Jim Stucky's father)

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329 Mr. Robert Rayl

A BOUQUET OF THANKS

to all who assisted and contribu-  
ted to the Sunday afternoon reception  
for the Hams.

The Pastoral Relations Committee

STAFF AVAILABILITY

Now that Dick has been instal-  
led as senior minister, he wants  
to remind you that the staff is  
always available. Generally (al-  
though there are necessarily ex-  
ceptions), the pastors can be  
reached at the office mornings.  
Of course, they may be in the of-  
fice at other times as well and  
you should feel free to call, but  
they will especially strive to be  
there mornings. You wouldn't  
want your pastors to be in the  
office too much of the time,  
since most of the work of the  
ministry is out there rather than  
in here!

Dick will ~~routinely~~ take Fri-  
days as a day off while Gary will  
routinely take Wednesdays. Of  
course, you should call anytime  
in case of emergency, (Dick at  
home-745-4536, or Gary at home  
747-1355) but for routine matters  
Dick and Gary would prefer to re-  
ceive calls at the office (744-  
3239). In case of emergency, the  
secretary will always know how to  
reach either of them as quickly  
as possible, even if they are out  
of town.

REGIONAL CYF ASSEMBLY

Tony York, Tim & Sharon Knuck-  
les, Bob Briggs, Sherri Melchi,  
Kristin Byers, Klark Kerley, Dar-  
rin Lancaster and Tina Sutphrin  
were delegates to the CYF Reg-  
ional Assembly last weekend. Chip  
and Becca Olson were adult spons-  
ors. Our thanks to Laura York  
and Don Lancaster for providing  
additional transportation!

SAVE THESE DATES - MAY 2 and 23  
LUNCHEON SERVED BY YOUTH!



PERSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Sunday was another great day! Although the Installation Service was a bit lengthy, many people expressed the thought that it was very beautiful and meaningful. It was certainly so for me. I very much appreciated those who participated and those who attended. The reception was a delight, as well. Thanks to those who served.

Well, I'm beginning to get faces and names together. I appreciate your continued help in this by repeating your names to me. For a guy who loves people and who wants to know everybody now, I can't get to know you soon enough!

The more I learn about you and about First Christian Church in general, the more enthused I become and the more convinced that this congregation is destined for a great future. I can't wait to see you Sunday!

God bless you.

Love,

Dick

## REFLECTIONS

After watching local and national news last Monday night, I became momentarily depressed because of all the "bad" news and comments. For the past couple of months we have heard nothing but how bad the economy is, how unemployment has been skyrocketing, how unrest is still prevalent in the Middle East, how devastating the flood was and now the dispute over the Falkland Islands by Argentina and Great Britain.

The question that came to me as I watched the news was "Where is hope?" We certainly hope that the Spring of '82 will turn out better than it started! How instead of thinking in the future tense I thought to myself: "What about NOW?"

Where is the hope for NOW? Karl Menninger once said: "The best thing a psychiatrist can do for his patient is to light a candle of hope." I believe one of the greatest deeds a pastor(s) can do for his or her people is to light them a candle of Hope. The people who sit at worship, weary and large have rubbed shoulders the previous days with despair and disappointment in some form or fashion. They sit in worship needing Hope. Someone said, "Whoever else will be at the worship service, there will be someone with a broken heart."

The worship we all participate in is a service of HOPE. In worship, our heart contemplates God, God is the author of Hope. Hope is worth celebrating. I believe that regardless of the situation if we will take time to worship at home, at church and listen to God we will find HOPE.

Love,

Gary

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#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### SATURDAY, APRIL 24

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

##### SUNDAY, APRIL 25

7:00 A.M. Elder's Breakfast

8:15 A.M. Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Worship

12:00 Noon Lay Personnel Committee

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

#### FORUM ON TEENAGE CRISIS

##### MONDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 P.M. Pastoral Relations  
Committee

##### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

1:00 P.M. Prayer Group

7:30 P.M. Dr. Dobson speaking  
at Memorial Coliseum

##### THURSDAY, APRIL 29

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

PEANUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK,  
CANNED FRUIT, TUNA

#### MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

APRIL 25 - MAY 1

Geneva Ferguson (25)

Helen Reynolds (27)

Jessie Fern Woodward (28)

Mildred Hutchinson (30)

Paul Yentes (1)

BLANKET SUNDAY IS MAY 16 - DETAILS  
IN NEXT WEEK' TIDINGS.

#### MAY BREAKFAST TO BE MAY 1

The annual CWF sponsored May Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 1, at 9:30 A.M. in our Fellowship Hall. This is always the highlight of our CWF year. Dr. Richard Hamm will be the speaker, speaking on the topic, "Partners in Ministry: Clergy & Laity Together." This will be Dr. Hamm's first meeting with CWF so let's be on hand to greet him and hear his ideas of how we can best work together. Mildred Hartman will install our new CWF officers for 1982-83: Pat Mullen, President; Rosemary Krull, Vice-President; Connie Wells, 2nd Vice-President; Joan Ott, Secretary; and Becca Olson, Treasurer. Our two licenses lay ministers will also be honored at this meeting. Phone reservations to Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) or the church office by April 28. There is no charge for the breakfast.

#### MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

The Annual Church Women United May Fellowship Day Luncheon will be held at 12:00 Noon on Friday, May 7 at Trinity English Lutheran Church. Cost for the luncheon is \$3.00 and attendance is limited to 200 so reservations should be made early. Please phone Miriam Bixenman (745-3365) by Monday, April 26 if you plan to attend.

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## STARSHINE TO SING THIS SUNDAY!

The Starshine group will present a special service of music this Sunday, May 2, during the 10:45 A.M. Worship Service. Starshine is a dozen singers who have presented programs of gospel music throughout the Fort Wayne area. Although an ecumenical group, Starshine includes eight members of First Christian Church. They will present a new program of music which includes a wide variety of style and tempo.

The 8:15 A.M. Service will be a preaching service, as usual. Come and worship as you choose, and bring a guest.

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You are welcome to join a four week class taught by the senior pastor, 9:30 A.M. Sunday May 2 - May 23. No obligation to join the church, just come interested. Meet Dick at 9:30 A.M. sharp at the piano in the sanctuary.

### LUNCHEON SERVED BY YOUTH THIS SUNDAY!

The youth will be serving lunch following the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour this Sunday. There will be a free-will offering taken at the meal. The proceeds will go to underwrite expenses of the youth's scheduled Retreat In Motion trip in June. The menu will include: hot dogs, chili, chips, celery/carrots, variety of desserts, coffee, tea, or milk. Support the youth! (Because this luncheon follows the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour, there will be no Fellowship Coffee Hour this Sunday.)

REMEMBER THE MAY BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY, MAY 1 AT 9:30 A.M.



SERVING MAY 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and  
William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Bob Pauley and  
Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, M.  
Busse-NW, J. Franklin, J. Young

10:45 A.M. J. Jump-SW, P. Mullen-  
NW, V. Taylor-SE, L. York-NE, G.  
Falbe, J. Stucky, M. Finkhousen,  
K. Rogers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. D. Smith, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
B. Haines, K. Mory

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. B. & H. Crouse

10:45 A.M. B. & M. Lehman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Max & Lois Finkhousen

Note: There will be no Coffee Hour  
this Sunday because of the Luncheon  
prepared by the youth.

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-115 Mr. John Stucky

ST. JOSEPH:

308 Mrs. Irene (Current) Fox

592 Mr. Steve Montgomery

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VISITORS IN WORSHIP

We had no "first-time" visitors  
in worship this past Sunday but  
it was good to see some family-  
members visiting from out-of-  
town and some former Fort Wayne  
visitors back in worship with us.  
We rejoice in your presence!

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"NEW 82" IN KANSAS CITY

We have two positions avail-  
able including transportation  
and housing, for the great "New  
82" evangelism event in Kansas  
City, Missouri, May 10-12.  
This gathering features excel-  
lent speakers and a myriad of  
ideas for evangelism and church  
renewal.

If you would like to go or  
need more information, contact  
Judy Church or Dick Hamm immed-  
iately (both Judy and Dick will  
be attending.)

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Gary Nunnally is on vacation  
this week through Sunday, May  
2. He will return to the of-  
fice Monday, May 3.

SOFTBALL MEETING

There will be a meeting of  
all those interested in playing  
on the church's softball team  
this Sunday, May 2 in the Par-  
lor at 3:00 P.M.

THANK YOUS:

*Dear Friends of First Christian*  
Thank you for your loving  
concern during my hospital  
stay. A special thanks to Rev.  
Thompson, Gary, Mrs. Weicker  
and Karen Flickinger for their  
faithful visits and ministry.

Dick Fisher

*Dear Fellow Christians,*

Thank you so much for the  
lovely plant and cards. It  
really brightens a day knowing  
some one cares.

Sincerely yours,  
Alma Lehman

## FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We have a lot going on this month with music, drama, and other special programs. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities.

I wonder if there are friends whom you have been "meaning" to invite to church, or whom you have not invited for some time? It occurs to me that the arrival of a new preacher is a perfect "excuse" to invite someone, or to invite them again! Don't you agree? Invitations to friends and relatives are the number one way in which churches grow, according to documented studies! While you're at it, invite an enemy....it will do you good!

Note that first service this week will be a preaching service, second service will be a service of music by Starshine. It will be a great morning.

See you Sunday!

Love, *Dick*

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### PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

There will be a Parent-Child Dedication Service as a part of worship on Sunday, May 9. (the 10:45 A.M. Service). If you are interested, please call Dick Hamm immediately.

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### FAITH UMC YOUTH CHOIR TO PRESENT "THE APOSTLE"

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### FORUM ON TEENAGE CRISIS FOCUSES ON "WHAT SMOKING CAN DO TO YOUR BODY" on May 2 at 5:30

*Ms. Judy Meincke a Smoking Clinic Trainer and volunteer for the American Cancer Society, will discuss the effects smoking has on the human body.*

These forums are open to everyone! Meetings are held in the Youth Lounge.

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9:30 A.M. May Breakfast

#### SUNDAY, MAY 2

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

12:00 Noon Luncheon

3:00 P.M. Softball meeting

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

"Forum on Teenage Crisis"

#### MONDAY, MAY 3

7:00 P.M. Clown Ministry

7:30 P.M. Shepherding Groups

6 & 11 Get-Acquainted with

Hamms in Parlor

#### TUESDAY, MAY 4

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Fern

Kenline, 2614 Abbey Dr. #1

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

1:00 P.M. Prayer Group

7:00 P.M. World's Fair Meeting

#### THURSDAY, MAY 6

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Gene-

vieve Ripple, 3405 Central

7:00 P.M. Faith UMC Youth

Choir Rehearsal

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, CANNED SOUP,  
POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT

Bring a friend to church!

### BLANKET SUNDAY - MAY 16

Sunday, May 16 has been designated as Blanket Sunday in our church. For thousands of refugees and disaster victims a Church World Service blanket is shelter, a roof between a family and bad weather. It's privacy in a crowded camp, a tote in which to gather a few salvaged belongings.

How can we help? By giving \$5.00 per blanket (CWS purchases them in bulk from the manufacturer) or by donating durable, clean blankets, comforters and quilts. (If you donate a used blanket we would appreciate an additional 35¢ per blanket to pay for processing and shipping.) Special envelopes will be in the pews or you may mark your donation; "Blankets."

### CAMP & CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM IN CHURCH OFFICE

Registration blanks for this summer's camps and conferences are available in the church office or from Gary Nunnally. Remember, the church pays half of the registration fee for church youth.

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER - MAY 2-8

Gini Brown (2) Ken Crawford (5)

Mabel Cross (2) Ralph Reynolds (6)

Alyce Fuchshuber (2)

Mike Byers (2) Jackie Keller (8)

Inez Petty (3) Irene Wooldridge (8)

Arza Smith (4)

Helen Steigerwald (4)

Sharon Christelous (4)

Edna Johnson (5)

Lea Jackson (5)



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### FORUM ON TEENAGE CRISIS on May 9 at 5:30 P.M.

Mr. John Gantt, Director of Crossroad, Fort Wayne Children's Home and Authorized Instructor for Parent Effectiveness and Youth Effectiveness Training will present a discussion and experience in improving and preserving precious dialogue in the family. The group will discuss issues which block communication and experiment with opportunities to reduce the gap which strain families.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, May 23 immediately after 10:45 A.M. Worship. We will elect officers for the new program year which begins July 1.

After the meeting, the congregation is cordially invited to remain for a luncheon served by our youth. The proceeds from this meal will help them meet the expense of their "Retreat In Motion" planned for July.

After lunch, at 1:00 P.M., the Children's Choir will present a special drama in the sanctuary. Mark your calendar now!

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SERVING MAY 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and  
Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and  
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes-SW, M. Hutch-  
inson-NW, C. Olson, J. Briggs

10:45 A.M. B. Norman-SW, K. Flick-  
inger-NW, E. Klepfer-SE, S. Knuckles-  
NE, S. Grimm, T. Harter, H. Steven-  
son

USHERS

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B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
M. Crouse, J. Glasgow

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. J. Young

10:45 A.M. J. & D. Sauerwein

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Bill Kerley & Jack Bickel

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9:00 A.M.

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Mildred Hartman - Phyllis Tobias

Charles Ludwig - Walter Bowen

Janet Weicker - Bill Kerley

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THANK YOU

We received a nice thank you note  
from Bob and Esther Clipp thanking  
the congregation and staff for  
their concern and visits.

SENIOR MINISTER AT MEETING

Dick will be out of the  
office for an evangelism work-  
shop May 10-15. However, he  
can be reached through the  
Church Office in case of emer-  
gency. The Associate Minister  
is available, also.

SOFTBALL IS UNDERWAY!

First Christian Church is  
fielding a team this year in  
the Classic Softball League.  
Bruce Lehman is manager, Don  
Lancaster is assistant manager.  
Come out and see the team play  
at Memorial Park, Wednesday,  
May 12 at 7:15 P.M.!

WOULD LIKE TO SELL

A window air conditioner  
and Electric Ice Box both new!  
If interested call Gus Mueller  
at 744-4769.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 5/2/82

Donna Maxwell, 2101 Medford Dr.,  
Mrs. David L. Pratt & Aimee,  
1217 W. Branning, Jack and  
Ann Brandon, 310 Arcadia Ct.,  
Mr. & Mrs. Art Swife, Elkart,  
Indiana, & DeWayne Reed

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER - MAY 9-15

Dan Dickey (10)

JoAnn Franklin (10)

Carol Dunham (10)

Melvin Williamson (11)

Burl Feltenberger (12)

Willis Wuthrich (12)

Mildred Tharp (12)

John Hechler (12)

Robert Nulff (13)

Bernice Schnobel (13)

Earl Fusselman (15)

Mary Alice Mullins (15)

## PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I hate to have to bring this up within my first month with you, however, it has come to my attention that we are behind in our offerings. Of course, there are a number of explanations for this: people are taking advantage of the nice weekends to travel, for example. Nevertheless, especially with summer days coming, we need to stay on top of this. Thanks in advance.

I was delighted with the response to the Church membership class. Fourteen persons are taking part in this four week study!

Barbara Hayes sent me the following timely poem:

*I'm going to plant a spring garden this year. Thoreau would approve of that--only it's a garden he never heard of. I found these instructions in a cookbook the ladies of my church prepared.*

*First plant three rows of peas: (the recipe says).*

*Perseverance,  
Politeness, and  
Prayer.*

*Next to them plant three rows of squash:*

*Squash gossip,  
Squash selfishness, and  
Squash indifference.*

*Then plant three rows of lettuce:*

*Let us be loyal,  
Let us be truthful, and  
Let us love one another.*

*And no garden is complete without turnips:*

*Turn up for work,  
Turn up for church, and  
Turn up with a smile!*

*Wouldn't this world be more like the Garden of Eden if we planted seeds like these?*

*See you in the garden of worship Sunday!*

### ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED?

As pastor, I would like to be aware of all those of the congregation who are unemployed. Please call me or write me a note if you are unemployed. This information will be held in strictest confidence. Occasionally I hear of job opportunities. Also, a list of your skills and/or experience would be helpful. Thanks! Dick

Love,

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10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

"Forum on Teenage Crisis"

7:00 P.M. Faith UMC Choir Concert

#### MONDAY, May 10

9:30 A.M. Study Group

12:00 NOON Rebecca Group

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild\*

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4125 Warsaw

#### WEDNESDAY, May 12

1:00 P.M. Prayer Group

6:30 P.M. Martha Group

#### THURSDAY, May 13

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, CANNED SOUP,  
POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT

### DO YOU NEED WORK DONE?

If you have work that needs to be done, or a position that needs to be filled, please give me a call. I may have just the right person in mind for you. Handled in strict confidence. Thanks. Dick.

### PROJECT 25

Many people in Ft. Wayne are experiencing difficult times financially. They have been unemployed so long that their benefits have run out, and they are up against a wall in trying to meet their obligations. Project 25 is intended to help these people. They can receive aid in the form of money to meet a mortgage interest payment, a utility bill or a prescription cost.

We heard about this project last Sunday. It is an effort by the churches of Ft. Wayne to meet a need right now, and which, we hope, will diminish as the economic picture brightens.

Each church member can help by donating 25¢ per week until June 1st. You may want to write a check for the total amount or put a quarter every week in a pew offering envelope marking it Project 25.

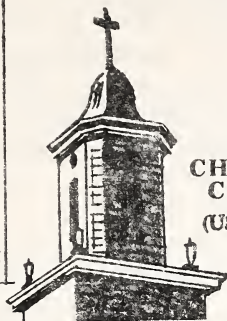
Associated Churches is disbursing the money through three social welfare agencies: Lutheran Social Services, Catholic Social Services and the Matthew 25 Clinic. Families and individuals are counseled before the aid is given.

In Matthew 25:31-46 we read about how Jesus regards our helping our brothers. We are doing it for him. Here is an opportunity for the church to reach out and to be there for those facing hard times.

**YOUTH BAKE SALE - 12:00 NOON  
MAY 9 - FELLOWSHIP HALL**

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## YOUTH CAR WASH THIS SATURDAY, MAY 15

If your car is dirty and it has been telling you - "Please Wash Me" well--here's your chance! The youth (both Chi Rho and CYF) will be washing cars in the church parking lot for F-R-E-E, although donations will be accepted. The car wash will begin at 10:00 A.M. and continue until 4:00 P.M. COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR YOUTH as they plan for their trip this year. We'll see you there!

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR TO PREACH THIS SUNDAY MORNING

Rev. Gary Nunnally will be preaching "WHAT IS GOD REALLY LIKE?" with a scripture text of John 4:24; Luke 15:20-24; and Deuteronomy 10:17-18 at both worship services - 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Dr. Hamm will be the worship leader. Come explore with us what God is really like to us as individuals, families, and as a church. Before you come to worship on Sunday, ask yourself: What type of relationship do I (as an individual and as a family) have with God?

## FORUM ON TEENAGE CRISIS THIS SUNDAY EVENING AT 5:30 P.M.

Mrs. Ann McCord, R.N. and Director of Nursing at Three Rivers Neighborhood Health Services will focus on our responsibilities as Christians and sexual beings to our selves and others in "A Christian, Ethical, and Emotional Look at Premartial Sex." This session will be for youth only. Parents are welcome to talk to Mrs. McCord in an after-session.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mrs. Beulah B. Timmons transferred her membership from the Beech Grove Christian Church. She resides at 1645 High Street, 424-6553. She was baptized at First Christian when we were located downtown. Welcome home, Beulah!

SERVING MAY 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and  
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and  
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein-SW, J.  
Hendricks-NW, J. Young, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen-SW, M. Crouse-  
NW, L. Finkhousen-SE, B. Wyant-NE,  
S. Grimm, J. Bickel, R. Flickinger,  
J. Hudlow

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
B. Hix, S. White

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. E. & M. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. B. Haines, R. Krull

COMMUNION PREPARATION

B. Kerley & J. Bickel

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 688 - Mr. Sam Greider

567 - Mrs. Anne Shirley

414 - Mr. Kevin Tobias

ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

408 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox

INDIANAPOLIS UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Bill Taylor

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bob Rayl. Bob's funeral was Monday, May 10, at First Christian Church conducted by Dr. Hamm.

Our sympathy to Pearl Heidecker whose sister, Grace Simpson, died last week in Marion.

BLANKET SUNDAY - MAY 16

This Sunday there will be opportunity to donate good, usable blankets or a sum of \$5.00 each to purchase blankets to be used by Church World Service in disaster relief. If giving blankets themselves, we would appreciate a donation of 35¢ per blanket for postage. All donations should be marked Blanket. Special envelopes will be in the pews.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - MAY 23

A congregational meeting has been set for May 23 immediately after the 10:45 A.M. Service for the purpose of electing officers for the new program year beginning July 1.

Following the meeting the congregation is invited to stay for lunch prepared by the youth.

After lunch, at 1:00 P.M. the Children's Choir will present a special drama in the sanctuary!

THANKS!

Thanks to Steve White for building and donating beautiful book shelves for the Senior Pastor's office.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP

M/M Wallace, 1603 Romane Ct.

Julie Malcolm, LaOtto

Joe & Chris Byers, 926 Illsley

Brian & Bonnie Glass, 2011

Woodhaven

Edna Nichola, Hobart, IN

Mrs. Roy Hagen, Glendale, AZ

Pat & Dina Geroff, Fort Wayne



PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a blatant lesson the Falkland/Malirnas crisis should be for all nations, including us. What began as a territorial dispute which should have been settled behind closed doors, has become an armed conflict.

How quickly the cheap, easy talk of politicians can whip up into feverish nationalism. Soon there's no turning back. What began as a ploy to bolster sagging political support for individual politicians at home suddenly becomes a "point of no-return". Two heads of state hurl childish barbs at one another and several hundred young men die to save face for the homeland. What more obvious and tragic foolishness could there be?

War has been termed "the failure of diplomacy". The way the world is today, can we ever really afford to allow diplomacy to fail?

"Blessed are the peacemakers."

Let us pray for a quick and just solution to this nonsense in the South Atlantic, and all such nonsense the world over.

See you Sunday.

Love,

*Dick*

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SPECIAL FUND OPENED TO AID FAMILY

The Come Double Class has received permission and endorsement from our Board of Trustees to spearhead and implement the gathering of a love gift for the Robert Rayl Family to be used to help defray the astronomical expense they have had these past 14 or 15 months because of Bob's long illness. This expense has come at a time when the real estate business, in which Bob was engaged, has been at extremely low ebb. As a church family we want to help. A special account has been opened for this fund. Any contributions will be appreciated. The class felt that friends in the church would want to help. Checks should be made payable to the ROBERT RAYL FUND. Contributions may be given to Edna Nordblom, Peggy Buskirk, Miriam Bixenman, or turned in to the church office during the month of May. At the end of May, the total amount will be given to Marilyn Rayl.

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### SATURDAY, MAY 15

10:00 A.M. Children's Choir

Dress Rehearsal

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Youth Car Wash

#### SUNDAY, MAY 16

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. Bell Choir

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

"Forum on Teenage Crisis"

#### TUESDAY, MAY 18

7:30 P.M. By-laws Revision  
Committee

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

1:00 P.M. Prayer Group

6:30 P.M. Deborah Group Pot-  
luck at Sharon Pauley's 2720  
Marcy Lane

6:45 P.M. Starshine

8:30 and 9:45 P.M. Softball  
Games, Memorial Park

#### THURSDAY, MAY 20

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED MEAT,  
CANNED FRUIT, POWDERED MILK

#### UNEMPLOYED??? NEED A JOB DONE???

I am still interested in hearing both from those in the congregation who are unemployed and also from those who might have some work that needs done. Dick

YOU...TH NEWS

THANK YOU!!!

Chi Rho and CYF received \$77.03 from the Bake Sale last Sunday. We greatly appreciated everyone who made the Sale a success!

#### YOUTH LUNCHEON

On Sunday, May 23 after the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour and the congregational meeting the youth will host a luncheon. The youth will be serving chicken casserole, greenbeans, applesauce, milk, coffee and tea and an assortment of outstanding homemade cakes. A free-will offering will be taken.

#### ATTENTION CHILDREN'S CHOIR

There will be a dress rehearsal this Saturday at 10:00 A.M. for the play. There will be another dress rehearsal Saturday, May 22, at 6:30 P.M. Children should wear the kind of clothes they wear camping. The play will be presented at 1:00 P.M. on May 23 in the Sanctuary.

#### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER - MAY 16-22

Ethel Birkhold (16)

Sam Hayes (17)

Delores Overmyer (17)

Carolyn Webster (17)

Shannon Jones (18)

Muriel Wilson (19)

Jack Skelton (19)

Shirley Howell (19)

Earl Snouffer (19)

William Houk (19)

Evelyn Kanczuzewski (19)

Viola Gaskill (20)

Hazel Crouse (21)

Bob Hendricks (21)

Bernard Ashe (21)

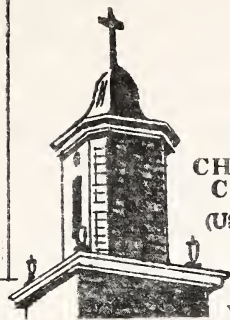
Amy Hayes (21)

Edwin Day (22)

PROJECT 25 CONTINUES DURING MAY

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, MAY 22

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast  
2:00 P.M. Children's Choir  
Dress Rehearsal

### SUNDAY, MAY 23

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
12:00 Noon Congregational Meet-  
ing - Fellowship Hall  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER - SERVED LUNCH  
1:00 P.M. Children's Choir Play  
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir  
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

"Forum on Teenage Crisis"

### MONDAY, MAY 24

7:30 P.M. Outreach & Service  
Committee  
7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral  
Relations Committee  
9:45 P.M. Softball Game -  
McMillan Park

### TUESDAY, MAY 25

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck & Program

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

1:00 P.M. Prayer Group  
7:15 P.M. Softball - Memorial Park

### THURSDAY, MAY 27

7:00 P.M. Elder's Meeting  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS: 1 LB. BOXES  
SUGAR, JELLO, POWDERED MILK

## THIS SUNDAY

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Immediately after morning worships, we will adjourn to the Fellowship Hall for a brief but important congregational meeting to elect officers.  
(See page 4 for this list.)

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON: After the congregational meeting, you are invited to remain for a luncheon of chicken casserole, green beans, applesauce, assorted homemade cake, coffee, tea or milk served by our youth as part of their effort to raise funds for a retreat.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DRAMA: After lunch, at 1:00 P.M., our Children's Choir will present a drama "Down by the Creekbank" for the entire congregation.

*I hope you can be present for each of these events!*

--Dick



SERVING MAY 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and  
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and  
Joe Wiley

DIACONATE AND GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, C.  
Olson-NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SE, K. Rogers-NW, L. York-SE, J. Stucky-NE,  
G. Falbe, J. Jump, M. Finkhousen,  
E. Klepfer

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
T. York

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Betty & Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Edna & Harold Nordblom

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Bixenman - N. Lucas

D. Keebortz - R. Flickinger

B. Short - T. Harter

F. Smell - V. Taylor

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Laura York & Jim Hudlow

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

765 - Mr. John Freed

ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

408 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox

PARKVIEW:

347 - Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich

INDIANAPOLIS - UNIVERSITY

Mr. Bill Taylor

DEATH OF MEMBER

Alpha Piercy, a non-resident member who resided in Michigan, died last week. Our sympathy is expressed to her family.

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DON'T MENTION AGE!

After a long hard winter which kept the group from gathering as usual, the D.M.A. Group will begin anew on Tuesday, May 25, at noon. Everyone is invited, regardless of \_\_\_\_\_. The Program will be "More Than Fun and Games" - a history of the Park's Department of Fort Wayne which is a slide presentation.

Please bring table service and a covered dish. Dick Hamm will now be meeting with the group and he hopes to see all the regular members, plus some new ones, on the 25th. Call the church office if you need transportation.

THANK YOUS!

Dear Friends of First Christian

Thanks to Rev. Hamm, Rev. Nunnally and Janet Weicker for their loving concern and cheering visits during my hospital stay.

Thanks also for those who brought communion and those who visited and sent cards.

Elizabeth Moody

Thanks to Janet, Dick and Gary and Betty Grimm for visiting me in the hospital. Anne Shirley

My most sincere thanks to Dr. Hamm, Rev. Nunnally and Karen Flickinger for their many calls and visits during my short stay in the hospital.

God's love touched my heart, ever so gently, each time you offered a prayer and extended your hand in Christian love.

I am indeed blessed to share your friendship, as part of my Christian Family. Betty Haines

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Although I had great misgivings about being out of town so soon after arriving, I must say that the NEW '82 event was one of the best I can remember. Speakers included William Sloan Coffin, Robert Schuller, and Fred Craddock. Each brought his own perspective and valuable ideas. I'm glad I took the time, Thanks for making it possible.

From many different sources around the congregation (and outside it!), I hear talk that a renewal is underway at First Christian Church. As a new member, its hard for me to tell, but this certainly seems to be so. Why not? I'm convinced God wants First Christian to grow spiritually and numerically, and I hear the congregation wanting First to grow as well.... so what could possibly stand in our way? Absolutely nothing!

There are still many of you whom I have not yet met.... but I'm eager to do so. What a delightful "bunch" you are!

See you Sunday.

Love, *Dick*

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#### BARB SHORT RESIGNS

Barb, who has served as our church secretary for ten years submitted her resignation to the Board effective May 21. She will be moving to Oklahoma City to do a residency in Clinical Pastoral Education which will qualify her as a Hospital Chaplain. Though we will greatly miss Barb, Don and the family, we wish them the best as they go forth to this new challenge. Until permanent arrangements are made, Diane Johnson will continue as our only secretary.

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#### RAYL FUND CONTINUES

The Come Double Church School Class continues to sponsor the special Fund for the Robert Rayl family. This is a special account administered by the class. It will be closed at the end of May and the balance turned to Marilyn Rayl. Donations may be given to Edna Nordblom, Miriam Bixenman, or Peg Buskirk. Donations may also be left in the Church Office. A reminder: All checks should be payable to THE ROBERT RAYL FUND. (These donations do not go through the church's account!)

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## CONGREGATIONAL ELECTION THIS

SUNDAY

OFFICERS: MODERATOR - Ralph Church  
VICE-MODERATOR - Bill Johnson  
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Education - Nena Lucas

Evangelism - Judy Church

Lay Personnel - Sandy Zimmerman

Stewardship-Finance - Merle Grimm; Outreach & Service - Mike Mullen; Board of Diaconate (2) - Betty Briggs and Chip Olson. ELDERS: (4 to be elected for 5 year terms) - Delores Keebortz, Rolland Ripple, Val Taylor and Laura York. DIACONATE (8 to be elected for 5 year terms) - Eunice Conrad, Rosemary Krull, Mary Wilhelm, Virginia Brown, Mike Mullen, Ken Place, Doug Rogers, Wayne Johnson. To Fill Unexpired Term - Betty Grimm  
COFFEE HOUR HOSTESS - Opal Carper. ELDER EMERITUS - Bert Leversee  
COMPETITIVE ELECTION - REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2 to be elected from each group) - Elders: Sam Hayes, Delores Keebortz, Janet Weicker. Deacons: Max Finkhousen, Gary Falbe, Jim Stucky. Deaconess: Eileen Klepfer, Karen Rogers, Phyllis Tobias. Congregation-at-Large: Pat Mullen, Laura York, Ken Taylor. LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (2 to be elected by the congregation) - Ennis Brown, Peg Buskirk, Ron Flickinger, Ruth Plummer.

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 23-29

Robert Clipp (23)  
Jay Bixenman (23)  
Fred Gaskill (24)  
Virginia Bruckman (25)  
Don Smith (25)  
Kenneth Hunt (26)  
Harold Nordblom (26)  
Kristin Byers (26)  
Eural Rose (27)  
Pat Mullen (28)  
Eugene Klepfer (28)  
Genie Marcum (28)  
Carolyn Gardner (29)  
Kenneth Allen (29)  
Chloe Conner (29)

SHEPHERDING GROUPS TO MEET: The Groups of Sam Hayes and Bill Johnson will have a get acquainted meeting with the Hamms on May 26, at 7:00 P.M. at the Bill Johnson residence, 10102 Circlewood. You will be called!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DRESS REHEARSAL will be on SATURDAY from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.!

YOUTH NEWS! THANK YOU!!! The youth made \$135.00 on the Car Wash - not bad for a FREE Car wash! Thank you for making it a success. YOUTH NEED TO BE AT THE CHURCH AT 1:00 P.M. THIS SATURDAY TO WORK ON SUNDAY'S LUNCH PREPARATION!

### SENIOR BREAKFAST MAY 30

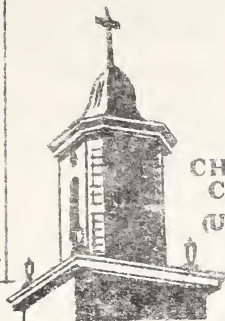
7:00 A.M. - AZAR'S

PRAYER GROUP MEETS EACH WEDNESDAY AT THE CHURCH from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Library to share concerns and pray together. Child care is provided.



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## PENTECOST AND CHOIR SUNDAY

This Sunday, May 30, is Pentecost Sunday, traditionally celebrated as the birthday of the Church. For us at First Christian Church, it is also "Choir Sunday"....the last Sunday we will hear our choirs until September. The Adult Choir will present several selections during the 10:45 A.M. service, and the Bell Choir will also be on hand.

### You Will "See Red" Sunday

Red is the traditional color associated with Pentecost (tongues of fire). Therefore, everyone is invited to wear something red this Sunday ....therefore, we'll all see red! After 10:45 A.M. Worship, we can all enjoy a special birthday cake being cooked up!

### Graduate Breakfast

Chi Rho, CYF, parents and family members are invited to attend the Senior Breakfast on Sunday, May 30 at 7:00 A.M. at Azar's (1033 E. Tillman Road) across from Southtown Mall.

We will be honoring our graduating seniors at breakfast and at the second Worship Hour (10:45 A.M.). Dr. Richard Hamm will be the guest speaker. Anyone planning to attend may select their breakfast from the menu or choose the All-You-Care-To-Eat Breakfast and Fruit Bar, which consist of scrambled eggs, sausage, crisp bacon, buttermilk biscuits, sausage gravy, home fries, blueberry muffins, an assortment of jellies and a variety of fresh fruits. The cost will be \$4.00 per person which includes your tip.

Enjoy a good breakfast and join us in celebrating this special time of graduation with our Seniors.

# SERVING MAY 30

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and  
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Cecil Rice and  
Gene Klepfer

## DIACONATE AND GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church-SW, T. Sauer-  
wein-NE, J. Hendricks, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-SW, B. Ker-  
ley-NW, K. Flickinger-SE, T. Harter-  
NE, N. Lucas, B. Norman, H. Steven-  
son, L. York

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
K. Mory, B. Haines

## GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Jeanne Feltenberger &  
Jessie Woodward

10:45 A.M. Geneva Ferguson & Wal-  
ter Bowen

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Laura York & Jim Hudlow

## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

632 - Mr. Sam Greider

Mr. Bill Caldwell

### ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

209 - Mrs. Sue Creager

THANK YOU for your prayers, con-  
cerns, and visits, while my step-  
son Kevin, was in the Hospital.

Phyllis Tobias

Congratulations to Rita and Dave  
Alexander on the birth of a baby  
girl which they named Christina  
Marie.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS: POWDERED  
MILK, OATS, P-NUT BUTTER, CANNED  
FRUIT, CRACKERS

## SUMMER EDUCATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

There will be many educa-  
tional opportunities for you  
and your family this summer.  
Vacation Bible School, for ex-  
ample, is now in the planning  
stages.

Vacation Bible School is an  
important experience for our  
children, but it requires a  
team effort by many adults of  
all ages. If you would teach  
or otherwise assist in Vaca-  
tion Bible School, please call  
Director, Nena Lucas at 442-4711.

## SERMON AVAILABLE

Several requests were made  
for copies of Dick's sermon,  
"What Does The Christian  
Church Believe?" Copies are  
now available in the Narthex.

PRAYER GROUP ON WEDNESDAYS at  
the church from 1:00 to 3:00  
in the Library to share con-  
cerns and pray together. Child  
care is provided.

## MAY 31 - Holiday

The office will be closed  
on May 31, in observance of  
Memorial Day.

## COMMISSIONING SERVICE JUNE 6

On Sunday, June 6, during  
the 10:45 A.M. Worship Service,  
we will have a brief commis-  
sioning service for our two  
licensed lay ministers, George  
Bruckman and Karen Flickinger.

THE ROBERT RAYL FUND WILL BE  
CLOSED AS OF JUNE 1, 1982.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In its meeting Sunday, the congregation elected the following persons to terms of service beginning July 1:

OFFICERS: MODERATOR - Ralph Church; VICE-MODERATOR - Bill Johnson;

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS: Nena Lucas, Christian Education; Judy Church - Evangelism; Sandy Zimmerman - Lay Personnel; Mike Mullen - Outreach & Service; Merle Grimm - Stewardship & Finance; Betty Briggs - Board of Diaconate, Co-Chairperson; Chip Olson - Board of Diaconate, Co-Chairperson; Bill Kerley - Membership; Bob Johnson - Property; George Bruckman - Worship & Pastoral Relations.

ELDERS: Delores Keebortz, Rolland Ripple, Val Taylor, Laura York

DIACONATE: Eunice Conrad, Rosemary Krull, Mary Wilhelm, Virginia Brown, Mike Mullen, Kenneth Place, Doug Rogers, Wayne Johnson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTESS: Opal Carper; ELDER EMERITUS: Bert Leversee; ELDER

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Janet Weicker & Sam Hayes;

DEACON REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Jim Stucky & Gary Falbe;

DEACONESS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Phyllis Tobias & Karen

Rogers; CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Pat Mullen & Ken Taylor; MEMBERS OF THE LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Ron Flickinger & Ruth Plummer

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## - PENTECOST -

### When the Church Catches Fire!

We think of Pentecost as a beginning - the beginning of the flame of Christianity as it spreads throughout the world. Jesus' promise of power in the believer's life came at Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was given to the early disciples 40 days after Jesus' resurrection. That power is available to us today. We can help spread the gospel by our gifts to Basic Mission Finance through the special Pentecost offering. Our goal is \$850.00 this year. Your generous gift will help keep the fire burning as it supports vital ministries. Make this a new beginning in your giving!

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## YOU ARE INVITED!

In honour of the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Doctor and Mrs. J. Maurice Thompson their children request the pleasure of your company at a Reception on Sunday, the Thirtieth of June, nineteen hundred and eighty-two from three until five o'clock at Central Christian Church in Huntington, Indiana. (Your presence is coveted rather than a gift.)

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Many thanks to the following people who donated monies to purchase new bread plates: Miriam Bixenman, Peggy Buskirk, Ennis Brown, George Bruckman, Andy Cook, Mildred Hartman, Ben Taylor, Merle Grimm, Pat Mullen, Sandy Zimmerman, Connie Wells, Bruce Lehman, and Delores Keebortz.



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#### SUNDAY, MAY 30

7:00 A.M. Graduate Breakfast at Azar's  
8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship -  
"CHOIR SUNDAY"

#### MONDAY, MAY 31

OFFICE CLOSED

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 1

7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

7:15 P.M. Softball Game -  
Memorial Park

7:30 P.M. All-Church Camping  
Planning Session

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 3

7:30 P.M. Stewardship & Finance  
Committee

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Some of our older members are in need of help with their yard and housework this summer. The Outreach & Service Committee is looking for volunteers who would be willing to donate their time and energy to fill this need. Please call Pam Bickel at 456-7496 if you could help. Thanks.

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#### R.I.M. TRIP CHANGED

The R.I.M. Trip originally scheduled for July 7-11 has been changed to October 27-31 by the youth. Details in next weeks Tidings.

YOU...TH NEWS

#### THANK YOU

The youth made a little over \$200.00 at the luncheon last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who attended the luncheon and special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. York, and Mrs. Sauerwein who helped in supervising the luncheon.

#### Next Week

Next Sunday, May 30, there will be NO youth groups due to Memorial Day Weekend.

#### Paper Drive Postponed

Due to a slump in the paper market, the youth paper drive originally scheduled for June 26, has been re-scheduled to later this summer. Although the youth would still appreciate any paper that you may have. Thank you.

#### GOAL ALMOST REACHED

The goal of \$1,500.00 that was set for the R.I.M. Trip has almost been reached. As of 5/23/82 the youth have raised \$1,280.48.

#### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER May 30-June 5

Larry Busse (30)  
Jo Roseberry (30)  
Diane Howard (31)  
D. Wayne Penny (31)  
Barbara Johnson (1)  
Arthur Chevalier (1)  
Ellen Buchanan (2)  
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## LAY MINISTERS' COMMISSIONING SUNDAY

This Sunday, June 6, George Bruckman and Karen Flickinger will be commissioned as lay ministers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The brief commissioning ceremony will take place within the 10:45A.M. Worship Service. Ron Parker will represent the Region.

George and Karen were licensed as lay ministers earlier this year by the Indiana Region of the Christian Church. Karen is working at First Christian as a minister of pastoral care doing hospital calling. George has been working at First Christian as business administrator and has also begun preaching in some area churches. May we all support them in this faith step!

### PLANNING RETREAT - JUNE 19

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You're Invited to  
VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL - JULY 19-23

Parents, we hope that you plan to have your children participate in Vacation Church School this year. Invite your neighbors and friends to come with you. This is a good opportunity to introduce your church to others. Vacation Church School will include children who will be entering Nursery III through the 5th grade in the FALL. Let's all take part in this important ministry of our church, mark your calendars for this special week!

SERVING JUNE 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and  
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and  
Bob Pauley

DIACONATE AND GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, M. Busse-  
NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, J. Jump-NW,  
S. Grimm-SE, K. Rogers-NE, M. Fink-  
housen, G. Falbe, P. Mullen, E.  
Klepfer

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith  
E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
S. Johnson, M. Crouse

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Dorothy Schmidt

10:45 A.M. Norma Sterling

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

M. Bixenman - C. Olson

M. Hartman - T. Sauerwein

M. Snyder - J. Stucky

C. Rice - M. Callahan

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Karen & Ron Flickinger

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-107 - Mr. William Taylor

ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

*I would like to thank all the chil-  
dren in the choir, Chi Rho and es-  
pecially Karen Rogers who partici-  
pated in "Down By The Creekbank."  
A special thanks to Linda Wiley for  
the set design, and to Nena Lucas,  
Diane Mory and Mike Callahan for  
all their help.*

*Shirley Callahan*

*A special Thanks to Kenneth  
and Elinor Place for baking  
the cake for our "Birthday  
Celebration" last Sunday!*

YOU ARE INVITED!

*In honour of the Fiftieth  
Wedding Anniversary of Doctor  
and Mrs. J. Maurice Thompson  
their children request the  
pleasure of your company at a  
Reception on Sunday, the thir-  
teenth of June, nineteen hun-  
dred and eighty-two from three  
until five o'clock at Central  
Christian Church in Huntington,  
Indiana. (Your presence is  
coveted rather than a gift.)*

YOU ARE INVITED

*Sunday afternoon, June 6, 1982  
from 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. John  
and Betty Briggs invite you to  
a reception for Tim for grad-  
uation.*

SUMMER HOURS FOR THE PANTRY/  
FOOD BANK WILL BE FROM 8:00  
A.M. to 12:00 noon.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS will  
be from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00  
P.M. Monday through Friday.

SUMMER GIVING

*The church's expenses go on  
from day to day, even though  
summer is a time when members  
are vacationing, camping, etc.  
So when you are going to be  
out of town, please arrange to  
mail or drop by your offering.  
This will help the old "cash  
flow" immensely. We're run-  
ning awfully close at the mo-  
ment.*



FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We missed you Sunday! Laura and I were both ill, so the whole family ended up staying home. That was only the second or third time in 15 years that I missed a worship service due to illness, and I didn't much like it. However, there appears to have been a message in the experience for me, and I can truthfully say, "message received."

As you can see elsewhere in the Tidings, we are going to 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. hours in the office. Of course, the ministerial staff is always available, but there will usually be no one to answer the phone after 3:00 P.M. at the church. This will make some savings.

I wish I could have heard the choir Sunday! Heard they were great, and I'm sure its true. We are very fortunate to have a choir of such quality and faithfulness at First Christian and a Director like Ann Hayes. We'll look forward to their return in the fall. Meanwhile, we'll enjoy solos.

We are also very fortunate to have Jerry Zimmerman as our organist. He'll be off this summer, and we will eagerly await his return in September, although he has graciously arranged summer replacements for himself.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

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REFLECTIONS on Pentecost

Jesus said to Peter, "You are Peter, the Rock; and on this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18) The Greek word Petros, translated for us as Peter, means Rock. Jesus, according to Matthew, was making a play on words. Could he call you Rock, not because of a play on words, but because of the strength of your Christian faith and the way in which you support your church through prayer, activities and financially.

Built into the foundations of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are such rocks as Barton W. Stone and his strong emphasis on unity, Alexander Campbell and education, Walter Scott and evangelism. Caroline Neville Pearre added the concerns and leadership of women, Alexander McLean was one who focused attention on the world-wide witness of the church. Who were the rocks in the foundation of our congregation? Who were the rocks who built your faith? Who are the rocks in our congregation today?

The church still needs people to be rocks. Loyal members, people who pray, those who participate actively in the life of the church, people who

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##### SATURDAY, JUNE 5

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

##### SUNDAY, JUNE 6

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
"COMMISSIONING OF  
LAY MINISTERS:

6:30 P.M. By-Laws Revision  
Committee

##### MONDAY, JUNE 7

9:30 A.M. Study Group at  
Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette  
(a salad luncheon)

7:00 P.M. Lay Personnel & New  
Committee Chairman

##### TUESDAY, JUNE 8

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

##### MISSING A BIBLE?

A Scofield Bible has been found in Fellowship Hall about a month ago. Could it be yours? Please notify the church if you know whose it could be.

##### CON'T. FROM PAGE 3

grow spiritually, and those who give financial support, are all rocks. The life of most congregations is built on only a few real rocks. Can you become a stronger, larger rock? Can you help to develop others to become rocks?

Love,

*Dany*

#### YOU...TH NEWS

##### Youth Elections

This Sunday, June 6 both youth groups will be electing their officers for the coming year, therefore, ALL YOUTH need to be present!

##### Summer Schedule

Chi Rho will not meet on a regular basis during the summer but will meet for several special events that will be planned.

##### Planning Sessions

Chi Rho officers will tentatively meet on Saturday, June 12 to discuss plans for the remainder of the summer and fall.

CYF officers will tentatively meet on Sunday, June 13 at 1:00 P.M. in the Conference Room at church to plan for the coming year.

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ATTENTION: PARENTS OF CHOIR  
CHILDREN!

Choir is over for the summer and will not start again until the fall!

##### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 6-13

Ralph Church(6) David Johnston(1)  
Terry Walters(6) Sally Cotton(10)  
Stanley Cole(7) Bev Hendricks(12)  
Stephan Taulbee(7) Jody Brown(12)  
Virginia Snouffer(7)  
Pat Bennett(8)  
Ron Kiger(8)  
Mel Busse(9)  
Chad Cline(9)  
Clarence Hetrick(9)  
Virginia Englehart(9)  
Irene Kissinger(9)  
Bill Howard (10)

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If you wish child care, please call the church office to register for it before Wednesday, June 16!

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## D.M.A. TO WAGON WHEEL

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## CALLING NIGHT MONDAYS

The Evangelism Committee is establishing Monday evenings as "Calling Night". Join us at 7:00 P.M. in the Parlor. It's Fun!

## SHORT'S ARRIVE IN OKLAHOMA CITY

The Short's arrived safely in Oklahoma City last week and Barb has started her new work. They send their love and wish to thank all the people of the church who helped them in their move, and for all the expressions of love and friendship.

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# SERVING JUNE 13

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and  
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and  
Sam Hayes

## DIACONATE AND GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, J.  
Young-NW, J. Hendricks, D. Church

10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, N. Lucas-  
NW, S. Knuckles-SE, B. Norman-NE,  
K. Flickinger, H. Stevenson, T.  
Harter, B. Kerley

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith  
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson  
J. Glasgow, B. Hix

## GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Earl & Reba Fusselman

10:45 A.M. Dave & Ellyn Kreischer

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Karen & Ron Flickinger

## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

626 - Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

419 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox

### ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

### WELLS COUNTY HOSPITAL:

Mr. Bert Leversee

Jaynie Jenkins Bonahoom and Matthew  
Bonahoom will be moving to Louisville,  
Kentucky; we wish them the best of  
luck.

## FIRST CHRISTIAN ADULTS TO CAMP

So far, First Christian is pro-  
viding two adult leaders for the  
summer camp and conference program.  
Gary Nunnally will direct a Junior  
Camp at Barbee, June 28--July 3.  
Bruce Lehman will be a counselor in  
a sports camp for Chi-Rho, also at  
Barbee, July 5-10.

I wish to thank all of you  
beautiful people for the  
lovely cards, the visits, the  
phone calls, the Naomi Circle,  
Rev. Hamm, Rev. Nunnally, for  
their visits, prayers and com-  
munion service. May God Bless  
you All.

Roxy Wunderlich

## VISITORS IN WORSHIP

MAY 30, 1982- Mary Allen, 4414  
Tacoma; Maxine Peterson-Lake of  
the Woods; Thelma Hallam-426 W.  
Pettit.

JUNE 6, 1982- Mrs. Fern Guda-  
kunst, 732 Lima Ave., Delphas,  
Ohio; John R. Bruckman, India-  
napolis; Mrs. Bonnie Johnson,  
Coldwater, MI; Christine Rouse,  
Indianapolis, Fred Rouse, In-  
dianapolis; Mr. & Mrs. H. E.  
Bennett, 408 Kendig Rd., In-  
dianapolis; Mr. & Mrs. Brant  
Bennett, 408 Kendig Rd., In-  
dianapolis; Mr. & Mrs. Ken-  
neth Place Junior, P. S. C.  
1, Box 4896, APO, N.Y.; Terry  
King, Mr. & Mrs. Don Horn, Rt.  
3, Winchester, IN; Mrs. Evan  
Horn, Sr., 515 S. Meridian,  
Winchester, IN; Chuck Horn,  
Rt. 6, Box 186, Noblesville,  
IN; Karey Evans, 10415 West-  
field Blvd., Indianapolis;  
Carrie Long, 2508 #2 Abbey  
Dr., Gladys Working, 342  
Dalgren Ave., Don Bordenaro,  
822 Galveston, Liberty, MO;  
Duane Wilson, 1341 Baywood Dr.  
New Haven, IN; W.O. Sharrits  
& Mr. & Mrs. George Blossom,  
3314 Argyle Dr.

WATCH "FACING UP TO THE BOMB"  
FRIDAY, JUNE 11-9:00 - 10:00  
P.M. ON CHANNEL 33.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a "red letter" day Sunday was with George and Karen's Commissioning Service and a good attendance at both Worship Services! I hope you were able to be present.

"Week of Compassion" is a phrase which conjures up images of floods, earthquakes, and other disasters, and a loving response from the church to the resulting needs. Well, you will be happy to know that Week of Compassion funds have come to Fort Wayne in the wake of the flood. I wrote to "Week" on behalf of the Associated Churches' RADAR program (which assists flood victims) and \$1,000.00 was immediately made available. Our mission offerings don't always go far away.....sometimes they come back to us! I thought you'd like to know.

Mindy and I, along with the Nunnally's and Olson's, had the privilege of hearing Mother Teresa Sunday. Mindy and I met her in India in 1974. She is one of those persons who have the "eyes of Jesus"....knowing, compassionate eyes which one acquires only by pouring oneself out in service to others. Merely being in her presence is a deeply spiritual experience and a challenge to us to care and do more. We have much to learn from our Third World brothers and sisters.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

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Dear Friends,

Karen and I thank you with all our hearts for one of the most meaningful days of our lives. The Commissioning Service led by Dick, the scripture by Gary, the prayer by Ron Parker and the strong emphasis we felt with the "Laying on of Hands" by all of the Elders was a great indication of the love, caring and sharing that is the heart-beat of First Christian Church. The sermon, which followed, was based on Dick's feeling that the Holy Spirit was certainly moving within all of us and we personally felt your response and support for us was a magnificent indication of the Holy Spirit guiding all of our lives.

Wasn't the Coffee Hour great! Thanks to all who prepared the delicious cookies and candies. It is our understanding that approximately 30 dozen cookies were prepared. Special thanks to those who hosted this hour which include Delores Keebortz, Miriam Bixenman, Peg Buskirk, Gini Brown, and Jim Jump.

Great Day! George Bruckman & Karen Flickinger

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#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### SATURDAY, JUNE 12

12:00 NOON Fellowship Guild at Mildred Hartman, 422 W. Oakdale - Salad Luncheon and Installation

1:00 P.M. Chi Rho Planning Retreat

##### SUNDAY, JUNE 13

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

##### MONDAY, JUNE 14

12:00 NOON Rebecca Group at Azar's on Tillman Road

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SUMMER HOURS FOR THE PANTRY/FOOD BANK will be from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON.

##### SOFTBALL

The second half schedule has not yet been received, nor has rain-out games been scheduled. Bruce will call the team when information is available.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS: Powdered Milk, P-Nut Butter, Jello, Pudding, Canned fruit

YOU...TH NEWS

##### NEW OFFICERS FOR CYF

Tony York - President, Tim Knuckles - Vice-President, and Eric Zimmerman-Secretary/Treasurer.

CHI RHO PLANNING RETREAT is June 12, 1982 at 1:00 P.M. at the church.

##### YOU ARE INVITED

Doctor and Mrs. J. Maurice Thompson and their children request the pleasure of your company at a Reception on Sunday, June 13, 1982 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at Central Christian Church in Huntington. (Your presence is coveted rather than a gift.)

##### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 13-19

Susan Thompson (13)

Laura Tomes (13)

Mike Watson (14)

Elsie Widler (14)

Doug Allen (15)

Clinton Crowe (15)

Valetta Parlette (15)

Mary King (16)

Josephine Weyer (16)

Andy Cook (17)

Gene Auer (18)

Bernice Montgomery (18)

Gary Hall (18)

Fern Kenline (18)

Robert Coleman (19)

Linda Johnstone (19)

Don Parlette (19)

Bill Schilling, Sr. (19)

Esther Whitton (19)

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### PREACHING SURVEY

Have you ever wondered how preachers come up with sermon ideas week after week? Well, its a combination of the preacher's own needs, his or her perception of the congregation's needs, and the Holy Spirit.

What would you like to hear a sermon about? Is there a question you've always wanted answered or a theme you would like addressed? The preacher's would like to hear from you!

Please jot down your idea or questions and hand them to Dick, or slip them under his door. Even if he feels a particular question or theme is inappropriate for the pulpit, he will deal with it in a Seminar or other setting. O.K.? Thanks!

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Even if you are now going to be serving on a committee in the new year, you are welcome to come and have your input in the committee of your choice.

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SERVING JUNE 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and Ben Taylor

DIACONATE AND GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, J. Franklin-NW, T. Sauerwein, B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. B. Wyant-SW, J. Bickel-NW, L. Finkhousen-SE, M. Crouse-NE, W. Bowen, R. Flickinger, M. Callahan, J. Hudlow

USHERS

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J. Wiley - E. Klepfer

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Jim Jump & Bill Wyant

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

PARKVIEW:

305 - Judith Ford

*Our sympathy to Becca Olson in the death of her grandfather, Beckham Fortenberry, in Madisonville, Kentucky.*

*Sympathy is extended to Irene Current Fox in the death of her step-father, August Slaharty last week.*

D.M.A. TO WAGON WHEEL

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MISSION DOLLARS AT WORK!

Thank you very much for your recent contribution of \$737.00 to R.A.D.A.R., which was mailed to us recently. Your concern for those suffering from the flood is greatly appreciated.

Charles M. Merrill,  
Director

FINAL GET ACQUAINTED MEETING  
WITH THE HAMM'S

Those persons who were unable to attend any of the previous shepherding group meetings are urged to attend this final one scheduled for June 23, 1982 at the church at 7:30 P.M.

Do come - meet informally with Dick & Mindy --and--also get better acquainted with other members of First Christian Church. See you on the 23.

## FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

You've been hearing on T.V. this week about a peace conference in New York City. Similar "grass roots" meetings and marches are occurring all over the world...but more and more in the United States. It used to be that such demonstrations attracted mostly "fringe" people who could be easily ignored by those in the mainstream of society. This new movement, however, is made up of people from all walks of life. Everyone is beginning to see that more nuclear bombs now means less security rather than more security.

The United States is known for the quality of its computer systems, and deservedly so. Yet, no computer system is perfect. Our ICBM force is controlled in part from a computer bank in a place called Cherokee Mountain. On a number of occasions, a false signal has set our ICBM force into motion to the point that, before the alert could be cancelled, missile silo doors were opened for firing!

Now consider that Russian ICBM's are controlled by Russian computers...among the crudest in the world. Does that make you nervous? It makes me nervous!

God proclaimed his creation good. It is inconceivable to me that His desire is now to see it blown up in a thermonuclear holocaust. But we have the choice. Can the world any longer afford super powers which fuel their economies and politics through adversary roles?

I'm not in favor of unilateral disarmament....that would be like leaving the fox with the chicken. But I strongly favor pressuring the politicians on both sides to come to the table and do some serious negotiating, rather than continuing to exploit our differences for political gain.

What if we began trading with each other so extensively that we became interdependent?

Let's pray about this. I believe God is trying to break into our madness with a new prophetic word. What might God be trying to say to us? What more relevant topic could then be for Christians to address than the Stewardship of God's creation?

See you Sunday.

Love,

*Dick*

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SERMON FOR THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1982 IS CALLED "BUSY BODIES", and the SCRIPTURE WILL BE Matthew 10:38-42.



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##### THURSDAY, JUNE 24

7:15 P.M. Elder's Meeting

#### CALLING NIGHT MONDAYS

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#### BOWLING BANQUET

Sunday, July 18 at Ron & Karen Flickinger's house.  
More to follow!

#### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER June 20-26

Joan Penny (20)  
Roxxy Wunderlich (20)  
Orle McDougle (21)  
Norma Sterling (21)  
Jo Flickinger (23)  
Henry Flowers (23)  
Kurt Schryver (23)  
Jack Weicker (23)  
LeAnn Urich (23) Norma Andrew (26)  
Mamie Miller (24) Amelia Dare (26)

#### YOU...TH NEWS

##### Chi Rho

Chi Rho officers have been elected for 1982-1983 and they are: Shannon Jones-President, Larry Taylor- Vice-President, Julie Briggs- Treasurer, Eric Mory-Secretary.

##### CYF

Activities for this summer and fall have been planned by our new CYF officers. This months activities include:

##### JUNE

- 20 - NO YOUTH GROUPS (Fathers Day)
- 26 - Youth Car Wash (Chi Rho and CYF) 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- 27 - Bowling -5:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M. (Meet at the church)

##### JULY

- 4 - NO YOUTH GROUPS (Independence Day)
- 10 - 2:00 P.M.-Preparation for Sunday's lunch and afterwards potluck supper and swim party at Briggs.
- 11 - 12:00 NOON-CYF Luncheon at 5:30 P.M. - CYF meeting.

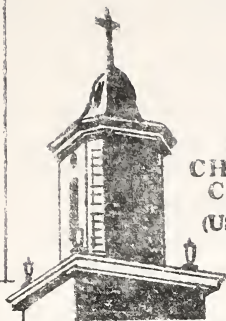
#### VISITORS IN WORSHIP 6/13/82

Betty Kummer, 6510 Covington Rd.; Bob Johann, 109 E. Conover, Eureka, Ill.; Marcie Johnson, 5021 Daffodil; Rick Hemsoth, 6115 S. Calhoun St.; Christ White, 231 S. Seminole Circle.

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## Interested In Church Membership?

Have you been thinking about joining a church? Or maybe you are already a member but want to learn more about the Christian Church. The Pastor will offer a four week class for you beginning July 11, Sunday at 9:30 A.M., meeting in the Parlor. We will look at the history of the church, her worldwide work, the meaning of baptism and communion, and answer any other questions participants may have. No obligation to join, just to be curious and interested!

## D.M.A. Meets Tuesday, June 29

The Don't Mention Age group will meet Tuesday, June 29, at noon at the church for a Potluck Luncheon. Everyone is welcome. The program will be a slide show presented by Dr. Hamm about Christian Theological Seminary. Questions about the Ministry in general will also be entertained.

Come and join us! For those who have made reservations for the Wagon Wheel trip on July 8, please bring your check made to First Christian Church or cash totalling \$12.00.

## YOUTH CAR WASH SATURDAY

This Saturday the Youth of First Christian will be washing cars in the church parking lot from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Cars will be washed for a donation to their R.I.M. (Retreat In Motion) Trip Fund. Come and get your car clean!

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SERMON FOR THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 1982 is entitled "FORGIVENESS"  
SCRIPTURE WILL BE Matthew 6:12; and 18:23-35.

SERVING JUNE 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and  
Delores Keebortz  
10:45 A.M. Jo Wiley and William  
Johnson

DIACONATE AND GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, D. Church-  
NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs  
10:45 A.M. W. Bowen-SW, R. Flick-  
inger-NW, M. Callahan-SE, L. Fink-  
hausen-NE, B. Wyant, J. Hudlow, M.  
Crouse, J. Bickel

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith  
E. Snouffer  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
C. Schnobel, T. York

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Fred & Rychie Smell  
10:45 A.M. Eileen & Gene Klepfer

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jim Jump & Bill Wyant

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Geneva Ferguson & Ellyn Kreischér

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

623 - Mrs. Elizabeth Halbrook

478 - Mr. John Pontius

ST. JOSEPH:

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery

*Dear Church Members,*

*Thank you for the bible and all  
the nice cards for my graduation.*

*Steve Creager*

ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS

Any choir members that still have  
music out, would you please return  
it as soon as possible. Thank you.

Ann Hayes

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REFUGEE FAMILY NEEDS CLOTHING!

Ages of the children are:

2½ year old girl

1 year old twin boys

6 months old boy

Any donations would be appre-  
ciated. Bring to the church  
or contact Mike Mullen. Thank  
you!

CALLING NIGHT - Monday's

The Evangelism Committee is  
establishing Monday evenings  
as "Calling Night". Join us  
at 7:00 P.M. in the Parlor.  
It's Fun!!!

PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS TALKING  
BOOKS PROGRAM

This free service offers  
books and magazines on record,  
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ually or physically handicap-  
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or record player is also avail-  
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for the program, just call or  
write the Allen County Library  
at 424-7241, P.O. Box 2270,  
Fort Wayne, IN 46801.

The Christians Under Con-  
struction Sunday School Class  
(CUCS) will be studying "En-  
couraging One Another" for the  
next 12 weeks beginning Sunday  
June 27, 1982 in Room 330. We  
invite you to come join us!

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS: Pow-  
dered Milk, P-Nut Butter,  
Jello, Pudding, Canned fruit

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

My thanks to each of the nearly forty persons who participated in the Planning Retreat Saturday. Honestly, the results of the day exceeded my expectations. The committees really "hung in there" with the assignments. We'll be seeing the fruit of this event throughout the year.

From all accounts, the trip to the World's Fair was a great success! Thanks to Gary for so many hours in preparation for that event.

Is there someone you know who is unchurched? I bet there is! Would you like someone to invite them? Would you like them to receive the Tidings? If so, and I hope so, please give me their name, address, and phone number. We'll see to it. Also, if you spot a moving van in your neighborhood, call the Church Office immediately! It takes all of us working together to reach new people.

I hope you have a great week! I intend to do so. Why not? God loves us with an everlasting love!

See you Sunday.

Love,

*Dick*

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#### PREACHING SURVEY

Pat Mullen, Judy Church, Becki Nunnally, Mindy Hamm, Janet Weicker, Peggy Buskirk, Lois Coleman, and Connie Wells will be among some 5,000 women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at the Quadrennial Assembly of the Church's International Christian Women's Fellowship at Purdue University June 21-25.

Women will be present at the seventh assembly from 19 countries. Representatives from other Protestant and Roman Catholic churches will be honored at a June 22 luncheon and at the June 22 evening session.

We know that First Christian Church will be enriched by these Women's expenses at Quadrennial.

Have you ever wondered how preachers come up with sermon ideas week after week? Well, it's a combination of the preacher's own needs, his or her perception of the congregation's needs, and the Holy Spirit.

What would you like to hear a sermon about? Is there a question you've always wanted answered or a theme you would like addressed? The preacher's would like to hear from you!

Please jot down your idea or questions and hand them to Dick or slip them under his door. Even if he feels a particular question or theme is inappropriate for the pulpit, he will deal with it in a Seminar or other setting, O.K. Thanks!

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 A.M. Youth Car Wash

### SUNDAY, JUNE 27

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

### MONDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 P.M. "Calling Night"

### TUESDAY, JUNE 29

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck  
at the church

### THURSDAY, JULY 1

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Dorothy  
Schmidt, 219 W. Sher-  
wood Terrace

Sometimes I read things which can only be pondered. This is a Parable I read in another church paper:

"Now it came to pass that a certain parishioner invited his pastor to lunch at a popular restaurant. The waiter was very efficient, and the food was good. As they rose to depart the pastor observed that his host laid some coins under the edge of the plate. And the waiter who stood by smiled happily; which meant that the tip was satisfactory.

Now, with some customs all are familiar, and this parable enters not into the merits and demerits of tipping. But the pastor began to meditate. Well he knew that the usual tip must be at least ten percent (a tithe), lest the waiter turn against you. And it came to him that few people so honor their God as they do their waiter. For they give unto the waiter the tithe, but they give unto their God whatsoever they can spare. Verily, does man fear his waiter more than he fears his God? And does he love God less than he loves the waiter?

## YOU....TH NEWS

All Youth (Chi Rho and CYS) should be at the church at 8:30 A.M. sharp Saturday morning, so assignments can be made for the Car Wash!

The C.Y.F. will meet at 5:30 P.M. sharp Sunday to go to Hillcrest Bowling Center. Bring \$3.00 for games and shoes. See you there!

The Christians Under Construction Sunday School Class (CUCS) will be studying "Encouraging One Another" for the next 12 weeks beginning Sunday, June 27, 1982 in Room 330. We invite you to come join us.

### VISITORS IN WORSHIP 6/20/82

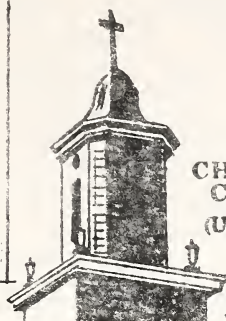
Miss Shari Hensch, 1781 Sherman Blvd.; Mrs. Gerhardt, 1917 W. Louisdale Dr.; Arlene Skinner 9562 A. San Jacino, Indianapolis Mr. & Mrs. Claude Linn, 219 W. Jefferson, Paulding, OH; Harmon Leaders, Defiance, OH; Dave Marquart.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYER JUNE 27-July  
Lois Buchanan(27) Mildred Hartman  
George Hosfield(28) (29)  
Pauline Horn(28) Cheryl Busse(30)  
Mildred Linn(28) Leesa Jump (30)  
Scott Rayl(28) Schellie Schell(1)  
Dwain Graham(28) Marilyn Butler(1)  
Thomas Rayl(29) Steve Kreischer(2)  
Karan Buzzard(29) Sue Skelton(2)  
Monetta Wetzel(2) Shirley Dibble(1)  
Truly, a person and their money are beyond understanding."

May we all GROW IN THE GRACE OF GOD so that our respect for God is as much as it is for each other!

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## BOARD MEETING - YES AND NO

The July 6 Board meeting has been cancelled, however, Ralph Church, Moderator, has called a special Board meeting for Sunday, July 11, immediately after 10:45 A.M. Services. This meeting will deal with one specific item that needs action.

## Interested In Church Membership?

Have you been thinking about joining a church? Or maybe you are already a member but want to learn more about the Christian Church. The Pastor will offer a four week class for you beginning July 11, Sunday at 9:30 A.M., meeting in the Parlor. We will look at the history of the church, her worldwide work, the meaning of baptism and communion, and answer any other questions participants may have. No obligation to join, just to be curious and interested!

## PREACHING SURVEY

Have you ever wondered how preachers come up with sermon ideas week after week? Well, its a combination of the preacher's own needs, his or her perception of the congregation's needs, and the Holy Spirit.

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Please jot down your idea or questions and hand them to Dick, or slip them under his door. Even if he feels a particular question or theme is inappropriate for the pulpit, he will deal with it in a Seminar or other setting. O.K.? Thanks!

OFFICE CLOSED - The Church Office will be closed Monday, July 5.  
NO TIDINGS NEXT WEEK - There will be no Tidings mailed next week!



**SERVING JULY 4**

**ELDERS**

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and  
Delores Keebortz  
10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and  
Val Taylor

**DIACONATE AND CREETERS**

8:15 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, B. Briggs-  
NW, M. Busse, D. Church  
10:45 A.M. K. Place-SW, K. Rogers-  
NW, D. Rogers-SE, M. Finkhousen-NE,  
L. Finkhousen, J. Bickel, R. Flick-  
inger, K. Flickinger

**USHERS**

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
D. Pomeroy  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
B. Haines, S. Johnson

**GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP**

8:15 A.M. Gini & Ennis Brown  
10:45 A.M. Nena & Brett Lucas

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

M. Hartman - M. Busse  
C. Ludwig - D. Church  
M. Bixenman - J. Jump  
G. Miller - P. Mullen

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Jo Franklin & Betty Grimm

**IN HOSPITALS**

**LUTHERAN:**

623 - Mrs. Elizabeth Halbrook  
M322 - Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

**ST. JOSEPH:**

592 - Mr. Steve Montgomery  
585 - Mrs. Emma Schell

**VISITORS IN WORSHIP 6/27/82**

Mr. David L. Pratt & Troy, 1217  
W. Branning Avenue

**PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:** Pow-  
dered Milk, P-Nut Butter,  
Jello, Pudding, Canned fruit

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**YOU ARE INVITED....**

Mr. & Mrs. Russell A. Wort-  
ley invite you to share in the  
ceremony uniting their daugh-  
ter, Diana Lynn and Jerry F.  
Blomeke, son of Mrs. Marie  
Blomeke Saturday, July 10,  
1982 at 6:30 P.M. at First  
Christian Church. Reception  
immediately following at Syc-  
more Grove Reception Hall.

**ALL-CHURCH CAMPOUT**

On August 20, 21, 22 those  
people who love the great out-  
doors will be going to Twin  
Mills Resort at Howe, Indiana.  
The facilities are good and  
the opportunities are many,  
canoeing, swimming in a pool  
or lake, fishing, miniature  
golf, hay-rides for the young  
folk, free pancake breakfast  
Saturday morning, and a wor-  
ship service on Sunday morning.

Wouldn't you like to join us?  
Cost is \$8.60 per night. Re-  
servations must be in by July  
19. (How many are going - no  
deposit necessary). Call the  
church office or contact John  
or Betty Briggs at 478-1012 or  
745-2512.

**ATTENTION - ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Lutheran Hospital is having  
their Old Fashioned Ice Cream  
Social on Wednesday, July 7,  
from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.  
It will be held at Home and  
Fairfield on the lawn. They  
have invited friends and mem-  
bers from our congregation to  
join them. If it should rain  
the Social will be on July 8.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends:

I came across the following in another church's newsletter and thought it was worthwhile:

Live churches always have parking problems;  
dead churches don't.

Live churches occasionally change methodology;  
dead churches don't have to.

Live churches are constantly deficient in staff;  
dead churches usually have a surplus.

Live churches' expenses always exceed their incomes,  
dead churches always take in more than they ever dream of spending.

Live churches are constantly improving and planning for the future;  
dead churches worship their past.

Live churches grow so fast you forget everybody's names;  
in dead churches everybody has known everybody's name for years.

Live churches move out on faith;  
dead churches operate totally by sight.

Live churches support missions very heavily;  
dead churches keep it all at home.

Live churches focus on people;  
dead churches focus on programs.

Live churches dream great dreams for God;  
dead churches relive nightmares.

Live churches don't have "can't" in their dictionary;  
dead churches have nothing else but.

Live churches evangelize!  
Dead churches fossilize. How shall we live?

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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OUTREACH DOLLARS AT WORK

During the first three months of 1982 Church World Service shipped, on our behalf, clothing, blankets, health and medical supplies, food and various self-help materials all valued in \$2,699,155 to 14 countries in Africa, six in Asia, six in Latin America, one in the Caribbean, and two in Europe. In addition to this 4,802 pounds of materials valued at \$7,208 were sent in response to specific disasters in the U.S.

This is all made possible through our giving to Week of Compassion.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, JULY 3

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

### SUNDAY, JULY 4

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

### MONDAY, JULY 5

OFFICE CLOSED

### THURSDAY, JULY 8

6:30 P.M. D.M.A. to Wagon Wheel

Opal Perkin's son passed away June 2 in Washington D.C. Our prayers are extended to Opal in this loss.

### MEET THE STAFF - Diane Johnson

I have been on staff at First Christian Church for two and one-half years. Previously to that I worked in the Cash and Credit Office at Montgomery Wards. I have 3 children - Lori - age 14; Amy - age 12; Jeff - age 8. My husband Terry, works at Magnavox and we have lived in Fort Wayne most of our married life. I have been a member of Faith Lutheran Church for the last 25 years.

I enjoy my job at First Christian and the people have been just great to me (not only other staff members but people of the congregation). It is a pleasure to work here.

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER - July 4-10

Martha Cole(4) Lola Miller(8)

Michael Coleman(4) David Griggs(9)

Mai Pauley(5) David Kreischer(9)

Terry Wuthrick(5) Connie Knight(10)

Miles Zimmerman(6) Sandra Meadows(10)

Louis Chasar(7)

Glenna Smith(7)

George Ludwig(8)

## YOU...TH NEWS

There will be no Youth meetings this Sunday. Thank you to all who participated in the Youth Car Wash last Saturday, \$87.00 was made!

There will be a Youth Luncheon on Sunday, July 11 immediately following 10:45 Worship. Preparation for this luncheon will be on Saturday, July 10 at 2:00 P.M. with a swim-pot-luck party following at the Brigg's.

### TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE

The Church has purchased a telephone answering machine. The machine will be used on those occasions when no one is in the office to answer the phone. If you call and "run into" this machine, please leave your name and number after the "beep tone" and your call will be returned as soon as possible. You can also leave any message that you wish.

Eventually we may offer a dial-a-prayer or similar program using this device. Nobody likes to talk to a machine, but if you do reach the machine, you will reach a staff person much more quickly if you leave your name and number. Thanks.

### NO CALLING NIGHT ON JULY 5

There will be no "Calling Night" due to the Holiday.

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## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL TO BEGIN JULY 19 - 23

This years theme is "A Celebration Of The Power of God's Love" and how we receive and share it every day with our families, friends, and our community. We will be offering classes for those children and youth who will be going into Nursery III (3 and 4 year olds) through the Sixth Grade in the fall.

Class topics will include "God's People Share" for Nursery III, "God Helps People Grow" - Kindergarten, "I Can/We Can" - Grades 1 and 2, "God's Love Gives Power" - Grades 3 and 4, and "God's People: Filled With Power" - Grades 5 and 6.

The Vacation Church School schedule will begin at 9:00 A.M. on Monday July 19 and end Friday, July 23 at noon. Vacation Church School will last from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, and a parents night on Friday at 7:30-8:30 P.M.

If you are interested in having your child or youth attend this exciting week of Vacation Church School, please phone in or fill out a registration form in the church office. Don't let your child miss this opportunity for fun, worship, singing, arts, crafts and Bible lessons"

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### Meeting Night - Tuesday, July 27 -- ALL COMMITTEES

At the Planning Retreat in June, it was agreed that all functional committees of the Church: Lay Personnel, Christian Education, Evangelism, Outreach & Service, Membership, Property, Stewardship-Finance, and Worship & Pastoral Relations would meet on the 4th Tuesdays from 7:15 - 8:45 P.M. This will make it possible for the staff to be available as needed and will consolidate building usage (which will save on utilities). The Committee Chairmen will then meet together briefly at 8:45 P.M. to coordinate plans. If you are a member of one of these committees, please mark your calendar now for the July 27 meeting night!

# SERVING JULY 18

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and  
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and  
Bill Franklin

## DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Franklin-SW, B. Grimm-  
NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-SW, W. Johnson-  
NW, K. Place-SE, P. Mullen-NE, M.  
Mullen, J. Bickel, R. Flickinger,  
K. Flickinger

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith  
E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson  
B. Hix, S. White

## GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Earl & Reba Fusselman

10:45 A.M. Leila McBride and  
Linda Hendrickson

## HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Jt. Weicker - J. Franklin

M. Snyder - E. Klepfer

E. Brown - J. Bickel

Wm. Johnson - R. Flickinger

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Dan Church & Mildred Hutchinson

## IN HOSPITAL

### PARKVIEW:

242 - Mrs. Jean McGrew

### VISITORS IN WORSHIP 7-11-82

Beth Winans; Dennis Cooke-4827  
Long Canon Pl.; Delores Anspool-  
412 Maxine; Ann Pattenger-3858 Staf-  
ford; Morris A. Peters-2114 Carterton  
Dr.; Miss Jill Murray, 623 W. Ohio  
Street, Bluffton, IN; Mr. & Mrs.  
Harold Hamm, St. Petersburg, FL;  
Nora Coman, 855 W. 7th St., Hallaudal,  
FL; Vincent A. Wells, R. R. 1, Cor-  
unna, IN.

## CONCERNS AND JOYS

Steve Montgomery is home a-  
waiting transfer to another  
hospital for continued therapy.

Jack Hayes, our Music Direc-  
tor's husband, is at Mayo Cli-  
nic recovering from surgery.

Courtney Elizabeth Skelton  
was born June 26 to Sue and  
Jack. Congratulations!

## BOWLING LEAGUE PARTY

Our Bowling League will be  
celebrating this Sunday, July  
18, at Flickingers with a swim  
party and meal for team mem-  
bers and their families. Also  
included are any regular sub-  
stitutes. Swimming begins at  
2:00 P.M. Please bring towels,  
lounge chairs, pool toys. The  
committee will furnish all  
food. We will have a cook out  
at 5:30 P.M. Please call one  
of the committee members today  
so we will know how many to  
plan for: Karen Flickinger-  
747-6832, Barb Johnson--432-  
2954, Leesa Jump--432-7180,  
Barb Hayes--432-3015. (Rain  
date has been set for August  
1.) Hope to see you Sunday!

COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY WILL  
BE IN HONOR OF JOE AND LINDA  
WILEY AS THEY ARE GOING TO BE  
LEAVING THE FORT WAYNE AREA...  
COME AND WISH THEM THE BEST OF  
LUCK!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends:

We (the staff) need your help!

When you enter one of our three major hospitals in this city, you will routinely be asked for your church affiliation. Please do not depend upon the hospital to notify us of your hospitalization! There are several reasons for this request: 1. Occasionally the call to our office never comes from the hospital due to human error - the hospitals have an excellent network of volunteers, but the system does break down occasionally. 2. Some of those doing the phoning are not familiar with the Christian Church, so that our calls get directed to First Christian Union, or elsewhere. 3. By the time we receive the call, the patient will have been in the hospital for a couple of days, which means that we have missed the most significant opportunity to minister to you.....during those initial stressful hours and days before surgery or other treatment or tests.

Please call us as soon as you know you will be going to the hospital. We want to serve you as effectively as we can because we care. Thanks!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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ALL-CHURCH CAMPOUT

On August 20, 21, 22 those people who love the great outdoors will be going to Twin Mills Resort at Howe, Indiana. The facilities are good and the opportunities are many, canoeing, swimming in a pool or lake, fishing, miniature golf, hay-rides for the young folk, free pancake breakfast Saturday morning, and a worship service on Sunday morning.

Wouldn't you like to join us? Cost is \$8.60 per night. Reservations must be in by July 19. (How many are going - no deposit necessary). Call the church office or contact John or Betty Briggs at 478-1012 or 745-2512.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 17

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, JULY 18

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

1:30 P.M. Bowling League Party  
at Flickinger's

MONDAY, JULY 19

9:00 A.M. Vacation Church School  
Begins-See Tidings Art.

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

9:45 P.M. Softball Game at  
McMillen Park

FRIDAY, JULY 23

6:00 P.M. CYF Lock-In begins  
(Concludes at 6:00  
A.M. on Saturday)

INTERESTED IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

Have you been thinking about joining a church? Or maybe you are already a member but want to learn more about the Christian Church. The Pastor is offering a class now through August 1, Sundays, 9:30 A.M. in the church Parlor. We are looking at the history of the church, her worldwide work, the meaning of baptism and communion, and answer any other questions participants may have. No obligation to join, just to be curious and interested!

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NOTE: WE ARE MAKING A NEW CHURCH

DIRECTORY - IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES

TO BE LISTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE

CHURCH OFFICE - 744-3239!

YOU....TH NEWS

CHI RHO

This week Chi Rho youth will be having a potluck and game party at the Mcry's, 320 W. Concord Ln. on Saturday, July 17 at 11:30 A.M. Contact Shannon Jones on what to bring at 447-6372.

CYF

In two weeks, on July 23-24, CYF youth will be having a famine lock-in at the church for 24 hours. The funds that will be raised from the pledges received will go to the Woodhaven Learning Center in Columbia, Missouri. The famine will begin at the church at 6:00 P.M. Friday and it will conclude at 6:00 P.M. Saturday.

Come join us as we experience what it means to be "hungry" and learning what it means to make a personal sacrifice for others!

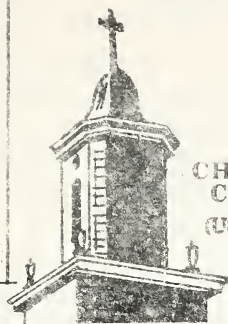
MEMBERS FOR PRAYER July 18-24

George Davis (18)  
Warran Webster (21)  
Jane Hahn (22)  
Tom Harter (22)  
Randy Lewis (22)  
Mary Wilhelm (23)  
Cora McKinney (23)  
Forrest Smith (24)  
Edith Roush (24)

Paul Waugh (5) Paul was omitted from the list several weeks ago.

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## BOARD APPROVES BUS PURCHASE

The Board has voted to purchase a full-size school bus to provide First Christian groups with transportation. The purchase was made with funds which have been designated for this purpose over several years. Several changes will be made in the bus to make it ready.

The color must be changed by state-law (only school buses can be yellow). The spacing of the seats will be changed to allow more leg room for adults. The engine, transmission, etc. will be overhauled to assure trouble free service. New tires will be installed for safety. This work will require a few weeks to complete.

If you have mechanical or other skills that pertain to these alterations and would like to give a few hours of your time, please notify the church office. Also, if you have a public passenger chauffeur's license or would be willing to get one and to serve occasionally as a driver, please call the church office.

The Board has agreed to keep the bus for one year, at which time it will evaluate its cost effectiveness and usefulness.

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## MEETING NIGHT JULY 27, TUESDAY-7:15 P.M.

All Committees (Lay Personnel, Christian Education, Evangelism, Outreach & Service, Membership, Property, Stewardship-Finance, and Worship & Pastoral Relations) will meet Tuesday, July 27, 7:15 P.M. - 8:45 P.M. at the church. They will review and finalize plans for the next year. Committee Chairpersons will remain for a brief meeting with the Minister at 8:45 P.M.

## AUGUST BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet at the usual time on August 3, Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. Several important items will be discussed.

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# SERVING JULY 25

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and  
Jack Weicker  
10:45 A.M. William Johnson and  
Ben Taylor

## DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church-SW, C. Olson-  
NW, M. Hutchinson, M. Wilhelm  
10:45 A.M. K. Rogers-SW, D. Rogers-  
NW, N. Lucas-SE, B. Kerley-NE, S.  
Knuckles, J. Jump, E. Klepfer, M.  
Callahan

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
D. Pomeroy  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
T. York, C. Schnobel

## GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Dorothy Schmidt  
10:45 A.M. Pat & Mike Mullen

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Dan Church and Mildred Hutchinson

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Carolyn & Gary Falbe

Matthew 25:35-40

Included in this passage Jesus says, "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me."

In April, May, and June, the Pantry/Food Bank served 40 families, and served 1,857 meals.

By your giving to the Pantry/Food Bank, you helped feed those in need of food, and you did it for Christ himself.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PANTRY/ FOOD BANK!

Would you be interested in being a volunteer to be on call to distribute one day a week every other week? The hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, it requires being available by phone, then coming to the church to fill any food order you may receive that day. Contact the church if you would like to help.

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## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

M-105 - Mrs. Mamie Caldwell  
489 - Mr. Art Mowery

### ST. JOSEPH:

462 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox

### PARKVIEW:

242 - Mrs. Jean McGrew

NOTE: WE ARE MAKING A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY - IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES TO BE LISTED PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE - 744-3239!

## VISITORS IN WORSHIP 7-18-82

Mr. John Proegler, 11518 Marywood St.; Jim Crouse, Columbus, IN; Betty & Don Tobias, 8619 W. Yoder Rd., Yoder, IN; Mr. Ken Perkins, 4201 Fairfield; Mr. & Mrs. John Myers, 1503 E. Paulding Rd.; Mr. & Mrs. Russel Falbe, 1409 Center St., Muskegon, MI; Mrs. Ann Busse

## PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-Nut Butter, Canned fruit, Tuna, Cereal.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We have had good summer worship attendance the last two Sundays, and that's great! Sorry it was a little warm this Sunday...we'll turn on the air conditioning earlier next week.

Our family has now experienced our first "Three Rivers Festival". What a delight! Its great to see people celebrate their city and life even in the face of hard economic realities.

We have had a good deal of company this summer from Kansas City and elsewhere. My parents were here for a couple of weeks. Uniformly, our visitors have remarked about what a beautiful city Fort Wayne is and what a fine congregation First Christian is. We couldn't agree more! Sometimes I think Fort Wayne residents don't realize what a good thing they have going here.

As you can see on the front page, we have purchased a bus with funds that were designated for that purpose over several years. Read that article, please, and see if there is any way in which you can assist.

As I am writing this, Bible School is getting underway. Its great to see so many young faces anticipating a week of fun and learning!

See you Sunday.

Love,

*Dick*

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

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9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, JULY 26

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JULY 27

7:15 P.M. All Committees Meeting

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## YOUTH CALENDAR

July 23-24 CYF Famine Lock-In  
6:00 P.M. Friday - 6:00  
P.M. Saturday

July 25 Chi Rho Skate Party at  
McMillen Park from 2:30  
P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

CYF Study

July 31 Car Wash - 9:00 A.M. to  
4:00 P.M.

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## MEMBERS FOR PRAYER July 25-31

James Leshner (25)  
Marianne Howard (25)  
Woody Klepfer (26)  
Sue Kiger (26)  
Eric Zimmerman (26)  
Paul Girdner (27)  
Mark Pontius (27)  
Lee Crowell (27)  
Ruth Neal (27)  
Kevin Bozarth (28)  
Bette Haines (28)  
James Brickley (29)  
Carol Cline (29)  
Lucile Welsh (29)  
Delmas Young (30)  
Bonnie Evans (30)

## YOU...TH NEWS

### Chi Rho

In two weeks, on Sunday,  
July 25 Chi Rho will be going  
ice skating at McMillen Park  
from 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The cost will be \$1.75, and  
\$1.00 for skates. We will  
meet at the church at 2:15  
P.M., see you then!

### CYF

This week CYF will be having  
a Famine Lock-In for 24 hours  
from 6:00 P.M. Friday to 6:00  
P.M. Saturday. Youth are ask-  
ing for sponsors from the con-  
gregation to support them on  
an hourly basis. All proceeds  
will go to Woodhaven Learning  
Center in Columbia, Missouri,  
as one of the youth's mission  
projects.

### FREE Car Wash

Is your car dirty? Then  
bring it by in two weeks. Both  
youth groups will be having a  
Car Wash on Saturday, July 31,  
from 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. All  
proceeds will go to help sup-  
port the youth on their Octo-  
ber R.I.M. Trip. Car washed,  
windows cleaned, and floors  
vacuumed. ALL FOR A SLIGHT  
DONATION!

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# TIDINGS

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## A MODERN PARABLE

Now it came to pass, as the time of vacation drew near, a certain member of the church bethought himself of a cool stream wherein fish were found, and his children thought of sandy beaches by the sea, and his wife thought of the mountains, paper plates and a reprieve from the routine of housework.

And this church member spoke and said, "Lo, the hot days come and my work lieth heavy upon me. Come, let us depart and go where the fishes do bite, and where cool winds bring refreshment and the land is beautiful about us."

"Thou speakest words of wisdom," said his wife. "Yet three, nay, even four things must we do ere we depart."

"Three things I think of, but not a fourth," said her husband. "That we ask our neighbor to minister unto our flowers, that we arrange for our grass to be cut and watered, and that we have our mail forwarded to us. But, no other thing cometh to my mind."

"The Fourth is like unto the other three but, greater than all," said his spouse. "Even this, that thou dig into thy purse and pay the church pledge in order that the good name of the church may be preserved, that the heart of the treasurer be made glad, and that it may be well with thee. For verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou returnest."

And the husband replied and said, "Verily, thou art noble and wise among women." And he did pay his pledge for the summer and the treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying "Of truth, there are those who care for the church."

And it was so.

Selected from "The Staff" Newsletter of Good Shepherd,  
Lutheran Church, Memphis

### PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

4 Workshops with hands-on experiences....August 18-"FUN CRAFTS"; August 25-"STORYTELLING"; September 1-"MEDIA AND MORE"; September 8-"WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BIBLE STORY?". Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 P.M.---New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 Lincoln Hwy. E.



**SERVING AUGUST 1**

**ELDERS**

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and  
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and  
Sam Hayes

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, V. Brown-  
NW, J. Young, J. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. B. Wyant-SW, K. Place-  
NW, J. Franklin-SE, J. Bickel-NE,  
W. Johnson, G. Falbe, P. Mullen  
M. Mullen

**USHERS**

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
B. Haines, K. Mory

**GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP**

8:15 A.M. Vee & Don Parlette

10:45 A.M. Chip & Becca Olson

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

M. Snyder - Wm. Kerley  
D. Keebortz - J. Stucky  
V. Taylor - K. Rogers  
L. York - J. Hendricks

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Eileen Klepfer & Mary Wilhelm

**IN HOSPITALS**

**LUTHERAN:**

489 - Mr. Art Mowery

M-105 - Mrs. Mamie Caldwell

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Johnstone  
have a new baby boy born on July 4  
named Scott Alexander.

**OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED**

Ethel Allen's sister, Alma Lehman,  
died Friday. Let us remember Ethel  
in our prayers.

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**OUR DEAR FRIENDS,**

It isn't possible to find  
the words that our hearts feel  
to express our gratitude for  
your response to the giving in  
Bob's memory.

You are truly letting the  
life and witness of Jesus  
Christ cause overflowing  
hearts. Every card and every  
personal word has been an en-  
couragement.

Thank you, Pastor, for the  
beautiful service and for min-  
istering to us.

We love all of you in the  
precious name of our Lord.  
Thank you! Our God is so Good!

Marilyn Rayl & Sons,  
Tom, Scott & Mark and  
Glenn & Lola Miller

Shannon Wyant will enter  
Lutheran Hospital for surgery  
on Friday, July 30.

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bring it by in two weeks. Both  
youth groups will be having a  
Car Wash this SATURDAY, JULY  
31, from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
All proceeds will go to help  
support the youth on their Oc-  
tober R.I.M. Trip. Car washed,  
windows cleaned, and floors  
vacuumed. ALL FOR A SLIGHT  
DONATION!

**PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:**

Powdered Milk, Spaghetti,  
Spaghetti Sauce, 1 lb. Sugar.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

This summer has been, predictably, a hectic one for us. Staff changes, getting next year's program rolling, getting to know the members of the congregation, and so forth, have been a real challenge. Coupled with my own illness, the summer has been a busy time for me. However, the "smoke is beginning to clear", I'm happy to say, and everything is coming together terrifically for the fall program.

One of the things I enjoy most is calling on our shut-ins and home-bound people. Unfortunately, this is one of the activities I have had to short change so far. But during August, I hope to meet and visit with every one of our 40 homebound persons. I am really looking forward to meeting each of you, so you can anticipate a telephone call from me soon to set a date for a visit.

I want the whole congregation to know that I believe great things are on the horizon for First Christian Church. I am truly delighted to be a part of this great congregation's future! God is moving among us.

See you Sunday. Bring a guest!

Love,

*Dick*

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, JULY 31

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

### MONDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:00 P.M. By-Laws Revision Comm.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

7:30 P.M. Board Meeting

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Grace  
Truby's - 440 Engle-  
wood Court

### VISITORS IN WORSHIP 7-25-82

Dennis Norman, 2428 Constellation  
Dr.; Miss Kim Cornett, 227 N. 4th  
St., Apt. 2, Decatur, IN; Mrs. Mar-  
guerite Swift, 1015 Maple Row, Elk-  
hart, IN; Mrs. Bonnie Tyndall, 743  
Growth; Mrs. Barbara Dasher, 2972  
Ponderosa Circle, Decatur, GA; Mae  
Tucker, 825 Claremore Dr., W. Palm  
Beach FL; Mr. Jeremy Beason, 1218  
West State; Lt. Col & Mrs. Don  
Holtz, PSC Box 859, APO New York;  
Miss Laurie Holtz, PSC Box 859,  
APO New York.

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER August 1-7

Loni Lewis (1)

Robin Hosfield (1)

Margaret Snouffer (1)

Dick Mory (1)

Mary Lou Hartzler (1)

Wanda Howell (1)

Sue Ann Ludwig (1)

Glenn Miller (1)

Dorothy Morris (2)

Betty Olson (4)

Kathryn Eich (4)

Ethel King (6)

## YOUTH NEWS

### CYF

Next week, CYF will be play-  
ing softball with the area  
churches at Franke Park at  
2:00 P.M.

Everyone is to bring their  
gloves, bats and balls. We  
will meet at the Church at  
1:30 P.M. See you there!

### YOUTH CALENDAR

August 1 - CYF Softball Game

August 7 - Chi Rho Trip to  
Cedar Point (leave  
at 5:30 A.M.)

August 8 - CYF Study (5:30 P.M.)

August 14 - Chi Rho Bar-B-Q at  
the Taylor's

### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL A SUCCESS

Vacation Church School was  
held last week and everyone  
who attended had a good time.  
By the end of the week atten-  
dance reached a total of 162  
children. The church would like  
to thank Nena Lucas, Connie  
Wells, Vincent Wells, Debbie  
White, Pam Bickel, Tom Knuckles,  
Mindy Hamm, Carolyn Falbe, JoAnn  
Ott, Sarah Davis, Ruth Plummer,  
Eric Zimmerman, Bob and Julie  
Briggs, and Shannon Jones for  
being teachers and helpers.

This years Vacation Church  
School Offering will be given  
to Matthew 25's Soup Kitchen  
an Outreach Ministry to Ft.  
Wayne's poor and unemployed.  
The amount that was received  
was \$72.26. Thanks to every-  
one who made Vacation Church  
School this year a great suc-  
cess.

Gary



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## ASSOCIATE MINISTER RESIGNA

The following letter was presented to the Board this Tuesday evening:

Ralph Church  
Moderator  
First Christian Church

Moderator,

It is with much prayer and thought that I submit my resignation to First Christian Church as Associate Pastor, to be effective October 1, 1982.

Over the past two years I have enjoyed being the Associate Pastor, with many challenges, responsibilities, joys and sorrows. I feel now equipped with the knowledge and experience that I have gained at First Christian that I am ready to pursue the opportunities of being the pastor of a church.

I leave with much sadness knowing that I will be leaving behind many friends and a fine city. I feel that my departure comes at a good time because First Christian has called a new Senior Pastor which will enable the church to experience new spiritual leadership and growth and plan for a productive future. Both Becki and my prayers will be for you.

In Christ's Name, Rev. Gary D. Nunnally

Gary will be in the office and available through August. He will be taking his vacation time in September. I wish Gary and Becki well as they venture forth to new work. My prayers go with them as well.

SERVING AUGUST 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Annis Brown and  
Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Val Taylor and  
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, J.  
Stucky NW, B. Grimm, B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. J. Bickel SW, R.  
Flickinger-NW, K. Flickinger-  
SW, N. Lucas-NE, B. Kerley,  
M. Finkhausen, J. Jump

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8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman D.  
Smith, E. Snouffer

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S. Johnson, M. Crouse

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Myrle & Bill  
Devinney

10:45 A.M. Mike & Shirley  
Callahan

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mary Wilhelm

HOSPITAL

LUTHERAN

427-Shannon Wyant

ST. JOSEPH'S

CCU-Lillian Breedin

379-Mary Ann Hix

VISITORS IN WORSHIP 8-1-82

Evenlyn Gard 315 Three Rivers

Jeff Thomas; 3707 E. Fleming;

James McCreanor & family;

Mildred Boyer; Carol Clines;

South Bend; Tracey Kiessling;

VACATION SCHEDULE

Dr. Hamm will be in the pulpit this Sunday, August 8. He will be on vacation Aug. 9 thru Aug. 20. Diane Johnson, our church secretary is on vacation this week. Sue Armstrong, summer assistant, is on duty.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO CEDAR POINT?

The Christian Youth Fellowship needs a couple of drivers to help provide transportation for their August 21 Cedar Point trip. If you would like to spend a day there and would be willing to drive your vehicle, please call Gary Nunnally.

Thanks.

BRUCKMAN TO INTERIM PASTORATE

George Bruckman, licensed lay minister and member of First Christian Church, has been serving as our business administrator this year. He has now accepted a call to be interim pastor of the Wolcott, Indiana congregation. We send our prayers with George, but we'll miss him on the staff here at First. He'll be in Wolcott Thursdays thru Sundays for at least two months.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

When times get tough, and I consider 14% unemployment tough times, many of us experience extreme financial pressure. This is certainly true of many of us here at First Christian.

Unfortunately, when we are not able to give to the church, or not as much as we would like, we feel guilty. Then, feeling guilty, we avoid going to worship so as not to feel even more guilty. If you fall in this category, then let me say this to you: YOU NEED TO BE IN CHURCH NOW MORE THAN EVER....DO NOT STAY AWAY BECAUSE YOU FEEL YOU ARE UNABLE TO GIVE AS MUCH AS YOU WOULD LIKE. Nobody else in worship knows how much or how little you are able to put in the offering plate.....that is why we provide envelopes, because it is nobody else's business what anyone else gives.

So please, friend, do the best you can, but come..... we need your presence and your fellowship.

See you Sunday!

Love, *Dick* Dick

P.S. I was extremely pleased with the response to Committee Meeting Night last week. Over 70% of committee members were present! It's going to be a great year.

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ALL CHURCH CAMPOUT

On August 20, 21, and 22, those of us who love the great outdoors will be going to Twin Falls Resort at Howe, Indiana. The facilities are good and the opportunities are many: canoeing, swimming in the pool or the lake, fishing, miniature golf, hay-rides for the younger folks, free pancake breakfast Saturday morning, and a worship service on Sunday morning.

The cost is 8.60 per night. Call John or Betty Briggs at 478-1012 or 745-2512 if you would like to go!



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Committee

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TUESDAY August 3

7:30 Board Meeting

THURSDAY AUGUST 5

9:30 A.M. Nomi Group at  
Grace Truby Home  
440 Englewood Ct.

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Jolly Jesters at national  
clown mime, puppet and  
dance ministry workshop!  
This week, August 1-7 our  
clown troupe the "Jolly  
Jesters for Christ" will be  
in Chicago for a week long  
workshop. Those persons  
going are Rev. Gary and Becki  
Nunnally, Laura and Tony  
York, Betty Briggs and Diane  
Mory.

MEMBERS FOR PRAYERS

August 8-15

Ronald Elliott (8) Elizabeth

Moody (8) Betty Briggs (9)

Charline Craig (10) Beverly

Johnston (10) Sarah Likens (10)

Alice Nulff (10) Marilyn

Snouffer (11) Johnn Ohneck (11)

Krista Rogers (11) Dennis

Anderson (13) Judith

Ferguson (13) Harriett Weaver

(14) Rebecca Bowman (15)

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GARY

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# TIDINGS

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## NAME THE BUS CONTEST

The church's new bus is now being painted and modified per state laws for church buses. It should be ready later this month. But what shall we call it?

What would you call it? Why not submit your suggestion or suggestions to the church office no later than Tuesday, August 24? The Property Committee will select a winner on that evening. The winner will receive a yet to be determined prize of modest value, and will receive the glory accompanying such chosenness!

## MEN'S RETREAT

On September 10, 11, Christian men from all over the state will gather for a retreat at Bedford Christian Camp. The theme is "Prayer". We will leave the church at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, returning Saturday evening about 7:00 P.M. Cost is \$17.00, which includes meals, lodging, and materials. Among the leaders is Howard Goodrich, the new Regional Minister. Register by calling the church office.

## DON'T MENTION AGE NEWS

The trip which had been planned for Tuesday, August 24, has been put on "hold". Watch for information regarding our next meeting. Mark your calendar now for a "Color Tour" to Nashville, Indiana, Tuesday, October 12.

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## SERVING AUGUST 15

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and  
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and  
Eugene Klepfer

### DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, D.  
Church-NW, C. Olson, V. Brown

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-SW, E. Klep-  
fer-NW, M. Callahan-SE, B. Wyant-NE,  
K. Place, R. Krull, W. Johnson, P.  
Mullen

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
J. Glasgow, B. Hix

### GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Judy & Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Lola & Glenn Miller

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

R. Church - J. Stucky

M. Hartman - J. Briggs

S. Hayes - C. Olson

Wm. Johnson - M. Hutchinson

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Pat & Mike Mullen

## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

697 - Mr. Glenn Miller

### ST. JOSEPH:

516 - Mrs. Lillian Breeden

### PARKVIEW:

208 - Kathryn Alspaugh

*John Freed died in July. He was  
taken to Pennsylvania for burial.  
This was inadvertently omitted from  
the Tidings earlier.*

## VACATION SCHEDULE

Max Finkhausen, church cus-  
todian, will be on vacation  
August 16-29. Bill DeVinney  
will serve as custodian while  
Max is gone.

### 17th Century Nun's Prayer

Lord, Thou knowest better  
than I know myself that I am  
growing older and will someday  
be old. Keep me from the fa-  
tal habit of thinking I must  
say something on every subject  
and on every occasion. Re-  
lease me from craving to  
straighten out everybody's af-  
fairs. Make me thoughtful but  
not moody; helpful but not  
bossy. With my vast store of  
wisdom, it seems a pity not to  
use it all, but thou knowest  
Lord that I want a few friends  
at the end.

Keep my mind free from the  
recital of endless details;  
give me wings to get to the  
point. Seal my lips on my  
aches and pains. They are in-  
creasing, and love of rehears-  
ing them is becoming sweeter  
as the years go by. I dare  
not ask for grace enough to  
enjoy the tales of others'  
pains, but help me to endure  
them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved  
memory, but for a growing hum-  
ility; and a lessening  
cocksureness when my memory  
seems to clash with the mem-  
ories of others. Teach me the  
glorious lesson that occasion-



FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As you read this, my family and I will be camped out at Turkey Run State Park. We had thought of going to New York City and D.C. this summer, but we opted for a short journey and a little communion with nature. There are few places I know of anywhere that have more to offer than Turkey Run, which is on Sugar Creek. It will also be a time to see some old family friends in Crawfordsville. Isn't Indiana a beautiful state? I think so, and I've been in 47.

I want to say again that I am thrilled with the planning that ~~has~~ been going on this summer. At Board meeting last week, we had the largest attendance anyone could remember seeing for a long time.....we couldn't all fit around the table! This speaks of a church on the move, a church that wants to grow and serve and be faithful to its calling! Praise God!

Gary will be preaching this Sunday. I'll be back in the pulpit on the 22nd. See you then!

Love,

*Dick*

#### CLOWNS AT WORKSHOP

Laura and Tony York, Diane Mory, Betty Briggs, head clown Gary and his assistant Becki of the Jolly Jesters for Christ attended the National clown, mime, dance, and puppetry ministry workshop at Loyola University in Chicago August 1 to August 7.

They all came home very enthusiastic about applying their new knowledge to their ministry.

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ally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

9:30 A.M. Rachael Group at the Church

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

### MONDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

Dear Friends,

As you know from last weeks news, I will be at the Wolcott Christian Church Sunday, August 15, 1982. I will be serving as an Interim until a permanent appointment is made. I leave with emotions of joy and apprehension of the challenge that God has given to me, but also with sadness of leaving a church home of 32 years. The encouragement, the love, and the caring expressed by you is very supportive in my new position, and makes possible the reaching out that I feel at this time.

You are living proof that God's Holy Spirit is felt by those who will unite in a oneness through Jesus our Lord.

Thank you so much for sharing with me!

Love,

George

P.S. My address will be:

P.O. Box 188

Wolcott, IN 47995

## YOU...TH NEWS

Thanks to the congregation's support of the Youth Car Wash last week, the group is within \$185.00 of their goal for the R.I.M. trip!

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY APPROACHING

Mark your calendar now for the Regional Assembly in South Bend, October 29-31. More information will follow soon.

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

--Copied

## PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, P-NUT BUTTER, MACARONI-CHEESE DINNERS, CANNED FRUIT, OATS

## MEMBERS FOR PRAYER August 15-21

Rebecca Bowman (15)

Bruce Grimm (16)

Lois Finkhousen (18)

Debby Connerly (19)

Julia Bicknell (19)

Nancy Hendricks (20)

Arthur Mowery (21)

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# TIDINGS

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## REFLECTIONS

The other day I read a story and I would like to share it with you.

### CYNTHIA'S INVOCATION

(Delivered by Ms. Cynthia Orr as the Invocation for the Oregon House of Representatives' mid-summer session)

Once upon a time, not too long ago, four travelers huddled around a dying fire. Each had a piece of wood, but none of them would put his or her piece of wood on the fire.

The rich woman had worked hard to acquire her wealth and rule was "Never give anything away."

The poor woman had so few possessions, the thought of parting with even a stick of wood horrified her.

The student thought everything was futile, meaningless, empty. It was silly to put one small piece of wood on a dying fire.

The old man did not like what the younger generation was doing. He would not help any of them.

Needless to say, the fire died.

In troubled times the issues that face us are complex and overwhelming and there is a temptation to lose sight of the larger goal.

In your deliveries may you find the desire, the courage, and the wisdom to keep the fire burning.

I believe that this story has a pertinent message for the church today. We have to be open to God's presence in our lives and be willing to follow the type of life that Jesus lead. If we never allow God into our lives then how can we expect our children and our children's children to share what they have and be willing to help others, even if it means giving something up that is very precious to them.

Love,

Gary



**SERVING AUGUST 22**

**ELDERS**

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and  
William Franklin  
10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, M. Hutch-  
inson-NW, B. Grimm, J. Briggs  
10:45 A.M. G. Falbe-SW, J. Stucky-  
NW, K. Rogers-SE, D. Rogers-NE,  
M. Finkhousen, L. Finkhousen, E.  
Conrad, W. Kerley

**USHERS**

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
B. Lehman  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
S. White, T. York

**GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP**

8:15 A.M. Betty & Merle Grimm  
10:45 A.M. Pat & Bernie Norman

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Ron & Karen Flickinger

**IN HOSPITALS**

**LUTHERAN:**

638 - Mrs. Nettie Fritter

**ST. JOSEPH:**

497 - Mr. Joe Fox

**VISITORS IN WORSHIP 8-15-82**

Darlene Howald, 2537 Genessee;  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard McVay, Palmetto,  
Florida.

Dear Friends,

It has been two weeks since  
Shannon's surgery and she is almost  
back to normal! It is amazing how  
quickly children recuperate. Thank  
you all so very much for your pray-  
ers. They held us up when things  
got rough. The Lord is so good!

Bill and Nancy Wyant

**SATURDAY EVENING POTLUCK AND  
CAMPFIRE**

Do you like to commune with  
nature in the early evening?  
Why not join the campers at  
Twin Mills Camping Resort at  
Howe, Indiana on Saturday  
evening at 6:30 for a potluck  
supper, and then stick around  
for a "pudgy pie" or a toasted  
marshmallow while singing a  
song around the campfire.

Bring a dish or two for the  
potluck, your own plates,  
cups, and silverware.

Take Indiana 3 North to Ken-  
dallville to Indiana 6 (W) to  
Indiana 9 (N) to Route 120 (W)  
2 miles to camp!

**BOWLING LEAGUE NOW FORMING**

Interested in bowling this  
year? If so call Sam Hayes  
at 432-3015 or 672-2114.

Bowling will start on Fri-  
day, September 10 at 6:30 P.M.  
and then it will be every  
other Friday night. We will  
be bowling at Westwood Lanes.  
Either singles or couples may  
participate! Please call now  
if interested!

**ATTENTION - SOFTBALL TEAM**

There will be a game on Mon-  
day, August 23 at McMillen at  
8:15 P.M. Please come!

**PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:**

POWDERED MILK, P-NUT BUTTER,  
MACARONI-CHEESE DINNERS, CANNED  
FRUIT, OATS

## PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Associated Churches is sponsoring four workshops with hands-on experiences, take home direction sheets, bibliographies for each session, and much much more. The four sessions will include August 18 - FUN CRAFTS; August 25 - STORYTELLING; September 1 - MEDIA AND MORE; and September 8 - WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE BIBLE STORY (utilization and review of all the previous workshops). The workshops will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. at New Haven United Methodist Church on 630 Lincoln Hwy. E.

These workshops are not just for teachers and assistants of children and youth but are for anyone interested in providing "New Ideas" for their church school class. The cost is \$3.00/session, \$10.00/4 sessions or \$4.00/session and \$15.00/4 sessions at the door and First Christian will pay your fees. Don't miss this excellent opportunity! Names of persons interested need to be submitted to the church office this week.

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF A FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. "Speak To People." Even if you do not know their names. There is nothing quite as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. "Smile At People." It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile. Your smile is one of your finest assets. Use it!
3. "Call People By Name." The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. "Be Friendly and Helpful." If you would have friends, be one. Most people are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.
5. "Be Cordial." Do everything you can to make visitors feel welcome.
6. "Be Genuinely Interested In People." Do not limit yourself to a few friends, when there are so many likeable people around.
7. "Be Generous With Praise And Cautious With Criticism." Who among us does not need the understanding and tolerance of friends.
8. "Be Considerate Of The Feelings Of Others." Usually there are three sides to a controversy -- yours, the other fellow's and the RIGHT ONE.
9. "Be Alert To Give Service." What we do for others counts most in life. "He who gives life for my sake will find it."
10. "Be Enthusiastic About The Church And Its Mission." This attracts people. You are the family of God, the body of Christ.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 20-22

### ALL-CHURCH CAMPING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:15 P.M. ALL-COMMITTEES MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00 P.M. By-Laws Revision Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

7:15 P.M. Elders Meeting

COME ONE, COME ALL, COME FOR A  
DAY OF FELLOWSHIP!

The Christian Churches of Area I (Fort Wayne First, West Creighton, North, Auburn, Kendallville, and Saturn) are having a picnic on August 29, at Auburn Christian Church. This will be strictly a day of Fun and Fellowship, no business. Festivities will begin at 2:30 P.M. From 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. there will be recreation and visiting. Equipment for softball and volleyball will be provided, plus tables. Bring your own equipment for other sports (croquet, badminton, table games, cards, etc). Bring pot-luck dishes to share and your own table service. Beverages will be furnished. Come, renew acquaintance with old friends and get acquainted with new ones in our sister churches.

To support each other in our Area is a giving, important thing. Let's all go!

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## YOU...TH NEWS

### CHI RHO

This week, Wednesday, August 18 the Chi Rho youth will be going to Cedar Point Amusement Park. The youth will leave promptly at 6:30 A.M. and return around 11:30 P.M.

### CYF

This week, Saturday, August 21 the CYF youth will also be going to Cedar Point. They will leave around 6:30 A.M. and return around 12:00 P.M.

If you are interested in going, please call Tony York (447-1284) or Wayne & Liz Johnson (744-3670) as soon as possible before Saturday!

### NEXT WEEK

On Sunday, August 29 the youth will be playing softball and having a picnic with the R.I.M. trip group at Franke Park from 4:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Mark this important event on your calendars!

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER August 22-28

Judy Ford (27)

Laverne Hunt (22)

Michael Johnson (23)

Marie Redman (24)

Diane Morris (24)

Blanche Tucker (24)

John "Mae" Olson (25)

Mary Higgins (26)

Julie Briggs (26)

Deborah Clifton (27)

Nathan Love (27)

Mary Cook (28)

Nancy Smith (28)

Becci Nunnally was inadvertently omitted last week on the 19.



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## RECEPTION FOR NUNNALLY'S

Gary and Becki Nunnally will be honored at a reception following the 10:45 A.M. Worship Service this Sunday, August 29. This Sunday will be Gary's last with us.

Come and greet Becki and Gary.

## COME ONE, COME ALL, COME FOR A DAY OF FELLOWSHIP!

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To support each other in our Area is a giving, important thing. Let's all go!

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED

We are entitled to 5 voting delegates and an unlimited number of non-voting delegates to the Regional Assembly. If you would like to go as a voting delegate, call the church office immediately!

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SERVING AUGUST 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and  
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Ennis Brown & William  
Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Briggs-SW, J. Hen-  
dricks-NW, C. Olson, M. Wilhelm

10:45 A.M. G. Falbe-SW, M. Mullen-  
NW, P. Mullen-SE, N. Lucas-NE, S.  
Knuckles, J. Jump, E. Klepfer, M.  
Callahan

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
C. Schnobel, K. Mory

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Ralph & Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Pat & Mike Mullen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Church - L. Finkhousen

Jt. Weicker - N. Lucas

B. Taylor - M. Callahan

E. Klepfer - G. Falbe

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Max & Lois Finkhousen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-202 - Mr. Rocky Baugher

ST. JOSEPH:

497 - Mr. Joe Fox

PARKVIEW:

451 - Mr. Raymond Gall

Our sympathy goes out to Desiree'  
Rayl, whose grandfather died last  
week. Our prayers are also with  
Brenda Kelly whose father died last  
week (Charles Esarey).

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The 19th Annual Interfaith  
Luncheon will be held Tuesday,  
September 21 at 12:00 Noon in  
Fort Wayne and brings together  
women of all faiths, sharing  
fellowship in ecumenical good  
will.

"Faith - Hope - Trust" is  
the theme this year. The pro-  
gram will feature the Northern  
Notes and Southmoor Singers.  
Tickets for the event are  
\$4.50 each and the deadline  
for reservations is September  
10. If you wish to go please  
contact Pat Mullen - 745-9154.

ERROR ON BOWLING LEAGUE DATE

Bowling will start on Friday  
September 17 instead of Sep-  
tember 10 as stated in last  
weeks Tidings. Call Sam Hayes  
if you are interested in bow-  
ling at 432-3015 or 672-2114.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP 8-22-82

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Ripple, R.R.  
12, Brazil, IN; Mr. & Mrs.  
Chris McDougale, 5610 Whitcomb  
Terr., Apt. D, Indianapolis, IN

THANK YOU

We'd like to thank Rev. Hamm  
and Karen Flickinger for their  
visits while I was hospital-  
ized for the birth of our daugh-  
ter, Lindsey Ann.

Their prayers and concerns  
were greatly appreciated.

Mary, Bill, Wendy & Lindsey  
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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

First Christian Church can and should grow numerically and spiritually. This is the heart of my philosophy and ministry at First Christian.

But, how shall we grow? The Lord has provided our congregation with any excellent leaders and committed followers. A great new program has been designed for 1982-83. But the greatest single key to growth is you.

Spiritually, it is up to each of us to study, to pray, to worship, and to otherwise exercise our spiritual muscles. Numerically, studies have shown repeatedly that the greatest source of new members in growing churches is the present membership. All of us have friends and relatives who are without a church home. We need to invite them to come and worship with us! We don't need to "buttonhole" them, or inconvenience them, or become "pushy" with them. We do need to extend a warm, friendly, sincere invitation to worship. Offer to pick them up, if appropriate.

Surely we aren't ashamed of the gospel!? If so, then let us read Romans 1:16. And certainly we can be proud of our church and our congregation!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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Who is Maribeth? What is a Finch? Is Parker a police order? If you do not recognize these names it is time you meet the Staff serving the Christian Church in Indiana. A short media presentation prepared for the October 29-31 meeting of the Regional Assembly will introduce you to staff members and acquaint you with what they do to serve your church. Plan to be part of "Getting to Know You" at the Assembly -- October 29-31 at Century Center in South Bend.

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

## MONDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

7:30 P.M. Pastoral Relations  
Committee

## PROJECT 25¢

All are invited to attend a Worship Service at First Presbyterian Church (300 W. Wayne) on September 2, 1982 at 12:05 P.M. to remember the unemployed and poor in our community and dedicate ourselves and our gifts to benefit others.

There will be a Soup Luncheon from 12:30 - 1:30 P.M. in McKay Hall (provided by St. Mary's Soup Kitchen).

This is a time of gathering for the entire religious community!

## PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS,

CRACKERS, CANNED SOUPS, CEREAL,

P-NUT BUTTER.

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## YOU...TH NEWS

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All youth planning to go to the R.I.M. trip should plan to meet at Franke Park Zoo Parking Lot if weather is good, and if weather is bad meet at the church on Sunday, August 29, 4:00 - 8:00 P.M. Bring Pizza money!

Any youth planning to go on the R.I.M. trip needs to call Tony York (447-2184) by August 31 at the latest.

If you are unable to attend Sunday, but still wish to go on the R.I.M. trip, please call Tony York as soon as you can!

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## HELP AND THANKS!

The youth are now within \$185.00 of their goal for the R.I.M. trip in October. They will have a luncheon September 12 to raise the balance.

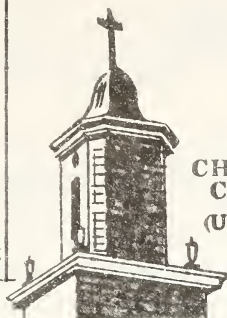
The youth wish to thank the congregation for all of their past support toward this goal!

## MEMBERS FOR PRAYER AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4

Oakley G. Baugher (29)  
Clarence Hendrickson (29)  
Art Huddleston (29)  
Miriam Bixenman (30)  
Barb Hayes (31)  
Gene Shirley (31)  
Mildred Jewell (1)  
Mildred Sarrazin (1) Pauline  
Ruby Johns (1) Snyder (3)  
Thomas Penny (2) Gloria Phillips (1)  
Raymond Sarrazin (2) Mark Rayl (4)  
Grace Truby (2) Richard Skelton (1)  
Evelyn Yeoman (2) Ken Wheaton (4)  
Diane Mory (4)

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## FELLOWSHIP DINNER - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Mark your calendar now for this exciting event! Door prizes, fellowship, and more. 6:30 P.M. - 8:15 P.M., September 22.

Babysitting provided during the program!

### Nunnallys to Providence

Gary Nunnally has accepted a call to become pastor of the Providence Christian Church just south of Indianapolis. Becki will be seeking a position with a church in the Indianapolis area or a nearby community.

Our prayers and gratitude go with them as they enter this new phase in their lives and ministries.

### AREA ASSEMBLY

On Sunday, September 26, the congregations of Area I of the Christian Church will be meeting together at North Christian Church of Fort Wayne 3:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. for business, inspiration and fellowship. Mark this on your calendar, now!

The Assembly will feature a mass choir and several workshops on the work of the Church. We will enjoy a carry in dinner also. First Christian has been asked to bring desserts as our contribution. Plan now to attend!

NOTE: Board Meeting has been changed to Tuesday, September 14, 1982, at 7:30 P.M. due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Also, there will be a Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 1982 at 7:00 P.M.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and  
Judy Church  
10:45 A.M. Eugene Klepfer and  
Val Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Franklin-SW, V.  
Brown-NW, M. Busse, M. Hutchinson  
10:45 A.M. B. Wyant-SW, G. Falbe-  
NW, R. Krull-SE, W. Johnson-NE, K.  
Flickinger, R. Flickinger, K. Rogers,  
D. Rogers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
D. Pomeroy  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
S. Johnson, B. Haines

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Alice & Russell Sturgis  
10:45 A.M. Doris & Jack Sauerwein

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IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

670 - Mr. Art Mowery  
688 - Mrs. Thelma Haxton

ST. JOSEPH:

497 - Mr. Joe Fox  
490 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox

PARKVIEW:

445 - Mr. Delmas Young

SYMPATHY

Our prayers are with Charlie  
Wrisk in the death of his brother  
last week in Arizona.

CONCERNS

Roger Jordan, Carole Overmyer's  
cousin, is seriously ill in South  
Carolina.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed  
on Monday, September 6 for La-  
bor Day.

ALL CHURCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Do you like homemade ice  
cream and homemade cake? Do  
you enjoy the fellowship of  
your church family? Do you  
like good music? Then save  
the evening of Wednesday, Sep-  
tember 15, and come to an all  
church ice cream social on the  
church lawn. If the weather  
is inclimate, we will be in-  
side in Fellowship Hall.

C.W.F. is sponsoring this  
event for the entire church.  
Donations for cake is 75¢ and  
for a goodly dish of homemade  
ice cream, another 75¢. Coffee  
is 25¢ for a bottomless cup.  
Proceeds will go  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the CWF  
mission budget and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to help  
with the drama program of the  
church for such items as cos-  
tumes for the Maundy Thursday  
drama, the Sacrificial Lunch-  
eon, and other special pro-  
grams. Tickets will be on  
sale at the coffee hour on  
September 5 and thereafter.

If anyone has an ice cream  
freezer they would be willing  
to loan, please call Pat Mul-  
len (745-9154) or Miriam Bix-  
enman (745-3365).

CHRISTIAN OPEN GOLF OUTING!

First Christian Church will  
have a golf outing on Septem-  
ber 18 (25th if it rains) at  
Brookwood Golf Course. We'll  
play in the morning. Details  
next week!



FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I want to address myself to those of you who are "inactive members" or who have been thinking about starting to church for one reason or another.

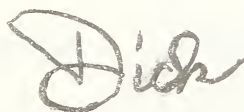
Perhaps you come once or twice with good intentions to become actively involved in the church, but then, somehow, you just couldn't get over the "hump" to really do it.

Let me make a suggestion to you. Church going is partly a matter of habit, and like all good habits, going to church is a habit which is hard to make and easy to break. Therefore, let me suggest that you plan to come to worship four times in a row. Four times in a row is enough to establish a habit. Then when Sunday morning rolls around, you won't feel tempted to "roll over" or to otherwise put worship off "one more week."

We want you to be here on Sunday mornings, and you know you need to be here. Try the four week plan.....it works!

See you Sunday.

Love,



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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The 19th Annual Interfaith Luncheon will be held Tuesday, September 21 at 12:00 Noon in Fort Wayne and brings together women of all faiths, sharing fellowship and ecumenical good will.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Esther  
Whittons, 3308 S.  
Clinton St.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

OFFICE CLOSED

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group at  
Marge Lehman's,  
4110 Huth Dr.  
7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance  
Committee

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00 P.M. Starshine  
7:30 P.M. Martha Group at  
Marlene Crouse,  
1539 Lakehurst  
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group at  
Becky Stucky, 4212  
Wayne Trace

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group at  
the church  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### SERENDIPITY WORKSHOPS

There is a Serendipity Workshop in Chicago on September 18, Saturday. These workshops provide an exciting Christian experience and growth. Cost is \$20.00. If interested, contact the Pauley's at 745-0925 or the church office by Sunday at the latest.

### VISITORS IN WORSHIP 8-29-82

Patty Burnett, 1121 E. Ervin, Van Wert, OH; Miss Terri Kline, 1622 Andrew St.; Miss Barb Dudding, 725 W. Wildwood Ave.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR ACCOMPANIST NEEDED!

If you are interested in becoming the pianist for the Junior Choir, please contact Jerry Zimmerman at 744-5698.

They practice during Second Worship Service. Small stipend available.

### BUS REPORT

We have a winner! Our new bus, which is being painted now, will have lettered on it "Free Spirit". This name was chosen from a host of entrees by the Property Department. To Delores Keebortz goes the glory of having submitted the winning entry. Congratulations to Delores! Thanks to all who submitted suggestions. The bus will be ready to roll in a couple of weeks!

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Sept. 5-11

Nila Schilling (5)  
Michael Gardiner (6)  
Gary York (6)  
Pat Norman (7)  
Nellie Roe (7)  
Marilyn Rayl (7)  
Doretha Baker (8)  
Kris Ohneck (9)  
Valerie Williams (10)  
Richard Penny (11)  
Barbara Short (11)

### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, P-NUT BUTTER,  
CEREAL, CRACKERS, OATS

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## OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY SEMINAR OFFERED

Dr. Hamm is offering a special 4 week Bible Study Seminar, September 13, 20, 27, and October 4. Two times are offered: 9:30 - 11:30 A.M., and 7:15 - 9:15 P.M. Bring your Bible, of course (preferably a Revised Standard Version). No charge, but please register by Sunday, September 12 by calling the church office.

The Seminar will look closely at the content and development of the Old Testament against the backdrop of Jewish history. Visitors and guests are welcome. Perhaps there is someone you should bring with you!

## TEACHER RECOGNITION and LUNCHEON, September 12

The youth will be providing a luncheon after worship, September 12, to honor our faithful Sunday School Teachers. The meal (spaghetti and meat sauce with salad, bread, etc.) will cost \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for 12 years and younger, under 4 free! Please plan to honor our teachers by attending.

## PROMOTION SUNDAY, September 12

This Sunday is Promotion Sunday! Certificates will be awarded in 10:45 A.M. Worship to those children who are moving up to new classes. Parents and children will want to be present for this special day! Plan to remain for the Teacher Recognition Luncheon to thank those who teach our children!

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and  
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and  
Laura York

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm-SW, J. Stucky-  
NW, J. Young, J. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. K. Place-SW, J. Bickel-  
NW, N. Lucas-SE, B. Kerley-NE, S.  
Knuckles, J. Jump, M. Finkhousen,  
L. Finkhousen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
M. Crouse, J. Glasgow

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Jefferson Young

10:45 A.M. Edna & Harold Nordblom

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

C. Ludwig - J. Hudlow

R. Church - M. Crouse

B. Taylor - M. Finkhousen

S. Hayes - D. Rogers

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Doug & Karen Rogers

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

595 - Mr. Art Mowery

688 - Mrs. Thelma Haxton

ST. JOSEPH:

497 - Mr. Joe Fox

490 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED SOUP, P-NUT BUTTER, TUNA,

MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS, POWDERED

MILK, OATS

ADULT CHOIR NEEDS YOU

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Join the Choir. The adult choir is now rehearsing Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. All voices are welcome. Its great fellowship and a great way to serve the Lord!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Starting Sunday, September 12, choir will begin for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders!

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Monday Morning Study Group will meet for the first time this fall at 9:30 A.M. on Monday, September 13, in the conference room. We will be beginning a new study, using the text, "The Miracle of the Holy Spirit" by Charles Allen and tapes on the Holy Spirit by Edward Bauman. The first session we'll use one of the tapes, and books will be distributed at the meeting. Both old and new members are cordially invited as we begin this new study!

GOLF OUTING CHANGED

The Golf Outing will be at 9:54 this Saturday, September 18 (first tee time) at Willow Ridge golf course. Call the church office immediately if you wish to play, and if you did not sign up Sunday.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As you can see from the church calendar, a new program year is now underway! Many truly exciting programs and events are in the offing! I hope that you will make First Christian a priority on your calendar and in our life this year. There is much to do, and the Lord is counting on us! I hope you can take part in the seminar I am offering.

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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"DON'T MENTION AGE" RIDES AGAIN!

Our DMA group will be going together to Homer, Michigan (about 100 miles) to a playhouse to see "Two For The Seesaw", on Wednesday, September 15. We will also have lunch together at the dinner theater and will return in time for the CWF's ice cream social. We will leave Wednesday morning on the church bus at 8:30 A.M. \$15.00 covers the ticket, lunch, and transportation. Call the church office to reserve. Everyone welcome!

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Have you bought your tickets yet for the All Church Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, September 15? If not, be sure to get them Sunday at the coffee hour or from Pat Mullen and come anytime from 6:00-8:30 P.M. There will be homemade ice cream (75¢) and homemade cake (75¢), plus coffee (25¢) if you desire, and all the time you can enjoy good music by the wandering minstrels: Don Parlette, Max Finkhausen, Glenn Miller and Jack Weicker. Come, enjoy the fun and food and the fellowship of your church family. Proceeds will go to the stage curtain and costume fund of First Christian Church and to the CWF Mission Budget. Be open for any surprises!

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
(Promotion Sunday)

12:00 Noon Teacher Recognition  
and Luncheon

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study  
Group

9:30 A.M. Old Testament Seminar

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:00 P.M. Jolly Jesters for Christ

7:15 P.M. Old Testament Seminar

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at Azar's  
on Tillman Road

7:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 A.M. DMA leave for Homer,  
Michigan to see "Two  
For The Seesaw"

6:00 P.M. Ice Cream Social

7:00 P.M. Starshine

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### ADDRESS CHANGE:

Mrs. Kenneth Edwards has now  
moved to a Nursing Home and her new  
address is: c/o Mesa Christian Home,  
255 W. Brown, Room 101-B, Mesa, AZ,  
85201.

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Sept. 12-18

Robert Chevalier (12)

Barbara Finkhousen (12)

Nancy Geiselman (12)

Diann Halbrook (12)

Margo Parlette (12)

Ruth Plummer (12)

Sandy Zimmerman (12)

## YOU...TH NEWS

CYF will meet the 12th at  
5:30 P.M. Saturday, Sept. 11,  
all youth should be at the  
church at 1:00 P.M. to prepare  
for the Teacher Recognition  
Luncheon.

### AREA ASSEMBLY

On Sunday, September 26, the  
congregations of Area I of the  
Christian Church will be meet-  
ing together at North Christ-  
ian Church of Fort Wayne, 3:00  
P.M. - 8:00 P.M. for business,  
inspiration and fellowship.  
Mark this on your calendar,  
now!

The Assembly will feature a  
mass choir and several work-  
shops on the work of the  
Church. We will enjoy a carry  
in dinner also. First Christ-  
ian has been asked to bring  
desserts as our contributions.  
Plan now to attend!

### FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Mark your calendar now for  
Wednesday, September 22 for an  
exciting event. Door prizes,  
fellowship, and more. 6:30  
P.M. - 8:15 P.M.

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER, con't.

Edith Varner (13)

Earl Stearns (13)

Marvel Brickley (15)

Edna Nordblom (15)

Almeda Rice (15)

Bruce Lehman (16)

Elna Taylor (16)

Mindy Hamm (16)

Tom Asbury (17)

Debra White (17)

Dan Flickinger (17)



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## AREA ASSEMBLY

On Sunday, September 26, the congregations of Area I of the Christian Church will be meeting together at North Christian Church of Fort Wayne 3:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. for business, inspiration and fellowship. Mark this on your calendar now!

The Assembly will feature a mass choir and several workshops on the work of the Church. We will enjoy a carry in dinner also. First Christian has been asked to bring desserts as our contribution. Plan now to attend!

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Dr. Howard Goodrich, our new Regional Minister, will be formally installed during the Saturday evening program of our 1982 Regional Assembly set for October 29-31 at Century Center in South Bend. Each congregation throughout the Region has been asked to have at least one representative present for the worship and following reception. Don't count yourself out because you are not an appointed delegate, the Assembly is open to all members of the church in Indiana. You will want to be part of this historic event. Registration forms are available in the church office.

## FELLOWSHIP DINNER - September 22

The whole congregation and friends are invited to join together for a dinner and program 6:30 P.M. - 8:15 P.M., Wednesday, September 22. There will be door prizes and a program brought by the Evangelism Committee. Don't miss it! Everyone is asked to bring a meat dish or two other dishes (such as vegetable and dessert). Bring table service. Drinks provided.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Sara Mullen and Tracy Kiessling who each made their confession of faith this Sunday. They will be baptized on Sunday, September 26, during the 10:45 A.M. Worship Service.

SERVING SEPTEMBER 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Pauley and  
Delores Keebortz  
10:45 A.M. Val Taylor and  
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Olson-SW, M. Wilhelm-  
NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs  
10:45 A.M. R. Flickinger-SW, K.  
Flickinger-NW, E. Klepfer-SE, M.  
Callahan-NE, B. Wyant, G. Falbe, R.  
Krull, W. Johnson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
B. Hix, S. White

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Ethel Shroyer and  
Sarah Smith  
10:45 A.M. Sue and Bill Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Doug & Karen Rogers

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

595 - Mr. Art Mowery  
688 - Mrs. Thelma Haxton

ST. JOSEPH:

490 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox  
307 - Mrs. Donna Byers

*Our sympathy is extended to Alice  
Nulf in the death of her father.*

THANK YOU

*I'd like to thank Dr. Hamm, Rev.  
Gary Nunnally, and all the folks  
at First Christian Church who sent  
cards and visited me while I was in  
the hospital. Delmas Young*

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

OATS, TUNA, CANNED PEAS, P-NUT  
BUTTER, CANNED ORANGE JUICE

GOLF OUTING THIS SATURDAY, SEP-  
TEMBER 18

The First Annual Golf Outing  
will take place this Saturday,  
at 9:30 A.M. at Willow Ridge  
Club. Register by calling  
Andy Cook at 637-5736 if you  
have not already registered.  
To get to Willow Ridge, go  
north on 3 one mile north of  
Gump Road. Turn east at water  
tower and you're there.

ELDERS MEETING, THURSDAY  
September 23, at 7:15 P.M.

Members of the Lay Personnel  
Committee are surveying the  
congregation for talents. We  
need 100% of the surveys!  
Please cooperate by taking a  
few minutes to answer the in-  
terviewer's questions or to  
fill out the survey sheet.

Thanks!

HELP WANTED!!!!

We are in dire need of 3 or  
4 sopranos. Since sopranos  
sing the "melody", our short-  
age is jeopardizing our four  
part music.

Please, please, if you can  
sing a melody line in the so-  
prano range, offer your talent.  
We promise the experience will  
be most rewarding!!!!

Remember, Thursday night at  
7:28 P.M.

VISITORS IN WORSHIP 9-12-82

Mrs. Faye Gaskill, 7006  
Santa Maria, Houston, TX.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We all know which newspaper we read has a lot to do with the slant we get on the news. We know that some newspapers are "liberal" and others are "conservative". A quick glance at the editorial page will reveal which a newspaper is. All newspapers are biased, its just a matter of being aware of what the bias is.

The same is true of magazines -- even general purpose, innocuous sounding magazines like the "Reader's Digest"! Be aware that the "Reader's Digest" editorial board has complete control of this magazine, and the editorial board is quite far to the "right" of center. Anytime a story appears in the Digest which deals with politics, economics, religion, or most anything else, you can safely assume that you are getting the far right's viewpoint.

A case in point is the recent article which appeared in the August issue of the Digest entitled "Karl Marx or Jesus Christ". This article is so biased in its presentation that one is tempted to cancel one's subscription. Criticism of the World Council of Churches is fine.....the Council needs such input as does every other organization. But this article is so far out in its accusations that it is totally irresponsible.

The Digest printed a similar article about 10 years ago. That time, the Editor "apologized" for the obvious bias and printed a more balanced article the next issue (after the damage was done). Given the conservative mood of Americans right now, however, I doubt whether ~~even that~~ "courtesy" will be offered this time!

If you have questions about the World Council, please give me a call. I'd love to have the opportunity to talk with you about it.

See you Sunday!

Love,

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#### LABOR DAY WEEK-END FAMILY CAMP

The Labor Day Week-end Family Camp at Barbee was enjoyed by several families from our church. Those families attending and ready to recommend it for next year were: The Doug Rogers, Ben Taylors, John Briggs, and Bob Pauleys on Saturday night.

Everyone was free to go or not to go to the many activities, plus plenty of free time for swimming, boating or just being lazy.

Some campers used the Cabins, while others used the modern campground. Look for pictures on the South Bulletin Board.



# CHURCH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
3:00 P.M. Jolly Jesters for Christ

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study  
Group  
9:30 A.M. Old Testament Seminar  
7:00 P.M. Calling Night  
7:15 P.M. Old Testament Seminar

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:30 P.M. Fellowship Dinner  
7:00 P.M. Starshine

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:15 P.M. Elder's Meeting  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:00 P.M. Jolly Jesters for Christ  
at Faith United Metho-  
dist Church

## ADDRESS CHANGE:

Rev. Gary Nunnally and Becki will  
be moving to 4300 W. Road, 100 N.,  
Bargersville, IN 46106 effective  
October 1, 1982.

## MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Sept. 19-25

Ruth Eiler(19)  
Virginia Johnson(19)  
Mary Novachcoff(19)  
Rosalie Hall (20)  
Klark Kerley(20)  
Ellen Crowder(21)  
Ruth Norton(21)  
Nena Lucas(21)  
Bert Leversee(22)  
Terry Roseberry(22)  
Michele Coleman(22)  
Emily Jo Walton(23)  
Robert Petty(24)  
Jennie Harter (25)  
Sandra Ferrell

## BOWLERS WANTED!!!!

New League forming for every  
other Sunday evening at 5:30  
P.M. at Little Turtle Bowling  
Lanes. MIXED DOUBLES. Call  
Max Finkhousen if interested  
at 456-8178.

## READY FOR A LITTLE GOOD NEWS?

Fifty-four million people  
attended professional football  
and baseball games in America  
last season. But on a single  
average week-end 85 million  
Americans attended churches  
and synagogues, approaching  
twice as many on a week-end as  
went to sports events the  
whole season! And, taking at-  
tendance at all athletic e-  
vents, amateur and profession-  
al, for every person who at-  
tends any sporting event, 15  
people attend a worship or  
religious service.

More good news! National  
Geographic now has more sub-  
scribers than does Playboy.  
So do Good Housekeeping, Bet-  
ter Homes and Gardens, Rea-  
der's Digest and a half dozen  
other family publications.

Still more! Thirty million  
couples have been married ten  
years or longer without a di-  
vorce. Over 10 million teen-  
agers have never tried mari-  
juana or any form of drugs,  
and twice that number of young  
people have never been arrest-  
ed or accused of breaking the  
law.

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## LOST!!!!

Black umbrella lost on Tues-  
day, August 24, at the All Co-  
mmittee Meeting. Call Bruce  
Lehman at 432-3825.

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## AREA ASSEMBLY THIS SUNDAY!

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## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Bishop James Armstrong, outstanding speaker and leader of the ecumenical church and the United Methodist denomination, will be one of the speakers when the 1982 Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Indiana convenes October 29-31 at Century Center in South Bend. His address will be open to the public. Our church should have a good sized delegation attend his address and other outstanding events planned for our biennial meeting.

Delegates chosen for Regional Assembly are: Ralph & Judy Church, Pat Mullen, and Betty Grimm.

## BAPTISM THIS SUNDAY

Sara Mullen and Tracy Kiessling, who each made their confession of faith two weeks ago, will be baptized this Sunday during 10:45 A.M. Worship.

## ELDERLY HOUSING AVAILABLE

Precious Blood Church has converted the convent at 724 Fourth Street to housing for elderly persons. It is non-denominational and there are accommodations for men and women. It is convenient to bus lines and shopping. A private room and three meals a day will cost \$325.00 per month. Call the church office if interested.



# SERVING SEPTEMBER 26

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and  
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and  
William Franklin

## DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, B.  
Grimm-NW, M. Wilhelm, V. Brown

10:45 A.M. K. Place-SW, K. Rogers-  
NW, D. Rogers-SE, J. Bickel-NE, N.  
Lucas, B. Kerley, S. Knuckles, J.  
Jump

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
T. York, C. Schnobel

## GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Jeanne Feltenberger and  
Jessie Fern Woodward

10:45 A.M. Ralph and Judy Church

## HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Pauley - S. Knuckles

E. Brown - J. Young

M. Snyder - P. Tobias

D. Keebortz - J. Briggs

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Wayne Johnson & Gary Falbe

## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

595 - Mr. Art Mowery

688 - Mrs. Thelma Haxton

CC - Mr. Marion Ellis

### ST. JOSEPH:

490 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox

307 - Mrs. Donna Byers

567 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

## Congratulations!

Steve and Joan Ott are the proud  
new parents of Brian Christopher  
born Friday, September 17!

Our heartfelt prayers and  
sympathy are extended to our  
music director, Ann Hayes, and  
her husband Jack, in the death  
of their oldest son, Scot.

## DON'T MENTION AGE

The D.M.A. group will meet  
Tuesday, October 2, at Noon  
for a Potluck at the church.  
The program will include plan-  
ning for the new year. Come  
and make new friends!

## DINNERS OF EIGHT

If you are interested in  
joining Dinners of Eight, call  
the church office no later  
than Monday, September 27 to  
insure being included.

## ALL COMMITTEE MEETING NIGHT

A babysitter is provided for  
meeting nights, including our  
upcoming session Tuesday, Sep-  
tember 28, 7:15 P.M. - 8:45 P.  
M. All members of Stewardship,  
Property, Outreach & Service,  
Christian Education, Lay Per-  
sonnel Committee, Worship,  
Membership, and Evangelism are  
requested to be present (but  
not Pastoral Relations Comm.).

## VISITORS IN WORSHIP 9-19-82

Mrs. Marcia Hamlin, 3935 Con-  
stance Dr., Richmond, IN; Miss  
Michelle Shugert, 1620 Paulding  
Rd.; Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Robeson,  
Rt. 1, Flora, IN; Mr. & Mrs. R.  
L. Hicks, R.R.#2, Box 106, Flora,  
IN; Miss Elizabeth Dehlinger,  
8215 Hallau, Switzerland; Mrs.  
Jack Hughes, 313 W. Pennsylvania,  
Jacksonville, ILL.



The Harmony Class is having a weiner roast and hayride Saturday, September 25, at Weicker's Pond in Whitley County. Those interested in fishing can come at 5:00 P.M. A potluck dinner will begin at 6:00 P.M. followed by a hayride. Those interested in the Harmony Class on Sunday morning or in this one time event only, please call the church office, 744-3239, by Friday noon. Directions will be given to those planning to attend. Bring Hotdogs, buns, one covered dish or snack, and your table service.

#### TOUR OF WOMEN'S PRISON

Women in jail or prison is the Indiana Region's special area of concern for Christian Women's Fellowship this year. The women's prison in Indianapolis is in need of your services. Used women's clothing will be collected in November. A check for \$15.00 will sponsor a birthday party for a celebrant and those in her cottage. Many small items are needed for the handicraft and recreation room. A tour of the prison has been arranged for October 4, 1982 at 1:00 P.M. A limited number of people can participate. If you are interested in this tour, please call Pat Mullen, 745-9154, or Judy Church, 447-5691, TODAY!

GOLF OUTING MOVED TO THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:  
TUNA, POWDERED MILK, P-NUT  
BUTTER, CANNED ORANGE JUICE

#### SUNDAY'S SERMON "The State of the Union" I Peter 2:1-10

This is a sermon about First Christian Church. It is entitled "The State of the Union" because God has called us to unity in Christ.

What are the strengths of First Christian?

What are the weaknesses?

To what is God calling us today and in the next few years?

You may wish to reflect upon these questions in preparation for worship Sunday.

#### RECONCILIATION OFFERING

One of the special offerings in-take each year as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the Reconciliation Offering. The Reconciliation program supports ministries and efforts around the nation to reconcile the poor with the rich and our various racial groups with one another. We help victims of abuse, refugees, American Indians, and many other peoples through this over-and-above effort. Envelopes for this special offering will be in the pews this Sunday and next.

BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, AFTER EACH WORSHIP SERVICE. 1983 BUDGET ACTION.

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ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND ELDERS ARE ASKED TO MEET IN FRONT OF STAGE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL 9:30 A.M. THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26. THOSE UNABLE TO BE PRESENT SUNDAY MORNING ARE ASKED TO REMAIN AFTER TUESDAY MEETINGS FROM 8:45 - 9:45 P.M.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Service

3:00 P.M. Area Assembly at  
North Christian

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study  
Group

9:30 A.M. Old Testament Seminar

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:15 P.M. Old Testament Seminar

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:15 P.M. All Committee Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:00 P.M. Starshine

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

*The Ice Cream Social was near,  
And I began to fear;  
But I wasn't left in the lurch,  
For the dear members of this church,  
Came thru with bountiful cheer.*

*The ice cream and the cake  
were donated in a shake,  
And the musicians notes met my  
highest hopes,  
And all doubt was left in my wake.  
I want to thank each donor,  
for their gifts are to their honor.  
And a special thanks to those who  
came for fellowship with all in  
His name,  
For all of you I could not be fon-  
der.*

*Thank you.*

*Pat Mullen,*

*CWF President*

*Beulah Timmons (9-13) was inad-  
vertantly omitted from Prayer list.*

## NO CHI RHO SUNDAY

All Chi Rho's should at-  
tend the youth session at the  
Area Assembly at North Christ-  
ian, 2:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

P.S. Take your parents with  
you!

## PAPER DRIVE - OCTOBER 2

The Christian Youth Fellow-  
ship will be taking papers to  
the recycling plant at 8:30  
A.M., October 2. Pick up will  
be available to those who re-  
quest it by calling the church  
office now!

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAK- FAST, OCTOBER 20

This annual breakfast pro-  
gram will be held at the Scot-  
tish Rite Banquet Room. The  
featured speaker is Kay Arthur,  
missionary and noted Christian  
education in the Chatanooga and  
Atlanta areas. Cost \$5.00.  
Call the church office now if  
you wish to attend!

## MEMBERS FOR PRAYER 9-26 - 10-2

Virginia Parker (26)  
Andrea Benny (27)  
Paul Dunham (28)  
Ellyn Kreischer (28)  
John Briggs (29)  
Doris Sauerwein (29)  
Ralph Richards (29)  
Sherry Crawford (30)  
Gerry Hendrickson (1)  
Ruby Pomeroy (1)  
Jim Stucky (1)  
Marjorie Copeland (1)  
Fred Grier (1)  
Don Short (2)  
Anna Taylor (2)



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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING THIS SUNDAY

The congregation will meet this Sunday, October 3, 1982, after each worship service to consider the budget for 1983.

## DON'T MENTION AGE POTLUCK

The D.M.A. will meet this Tuesday, October 5, 1982 at noon for a potluck. The agenda will include planning for the new year.

## YOUTH PAPER DRIVE

The Christian Youth Fellowship will be hauling papers this Saturday, October 2, 1982, at 8:30 A.M. If you have papers, please bring them to the church before 8:30 A.M., or call the church office for pick up. Please do not bring any more papers after this drive. Storage has proven to be a fire hazard. Thank you!

## REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

If you plan to go to this Assembly in South Bend, October 29-31, you must request registration and housing forms this week from the church office. Housing in homes is available for those interested. This promises to be a great Assembly with the installation of Howard Goodrich as our new Regional Minister, and with speakers like Bishop James Armstrong of the Methodist Church.

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### SERVING OCTOBER 3

#### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and  
Bob Pauley  
10:45 A.M. Val Taylor and  
William Johnson  
8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, C. Olson-  
NW, J. Young, M. Hutchinson  
10:45 A.M. M. Crouse-SW, J. Frank-  
lin-NW, E. Klepfer-SE, M. Callahan-  
NE, B. Wyant, M. Finkhousen, L.  
Finkhousen, G. Falbe

#### USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith  
B. Lehman  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
K. Mory, B. Haines

#### GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Betty & Merle Grimm  
10:45 A.M. Pat & Mike Mullen

#### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Wayne Johnson & Gary Falbe

#### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Pat & Mike Mullen

### IN HOSPITALS

#### LUTHERAN:

CC - Mrs. Laura Marks  
763 - Barbara Moore  
668 - Mr. Marion Ellis

#### ST. JOSEPH:

490 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox  
567 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

*Our sympathy is extended to Wayne Johnson in the recent death of his grandfather.*

#### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CEREAL, ORANGE  
JUICE, CANNED FRUIT, JELLO

### THANK YOU

*Thank you for all the prayers and get well cards and for all that visited me in my recent stay in the hospital. May God bless you all.*

*Glenn Miller*

### TO: EXTENDED SESSION K-1st GRADE

*Thank you so very much for your flower gift you made for those of us in the hospital. I have a real love in my heart for children especially - you know Jesus really loved little ones so much. I used to teach Sunday School too and this makes your gift extra special too. Thank you for your time and prayers for all of us.*

*Mrs. Byers*

### GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Our golf tournament last Saturday included 16 golfers participating. Low scores were: Charlie Byrket - 70, Mike Driver-75, and Mark Lehman-81.

Thanks to Andy Cook and Eileen Klepfer for organizing this event!

### VISITORS IN WORSHIP 9-26-82

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Kiessling, 119 S. Seminole Circle; Mr. Michael Christman, 1744 Purdue Dr.; Miss Shari Hensch, 1718 Sherman St.; Mr. Kent Ellis, 6030 Oakmont.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Part of our stewardship responsibility involves choices about the use of our time. Most of us feel we need more time, yet most of us waste a lot of time. The average American home has the T.V. on nearly 40 hours a week!

The following came across my desk. I thought you might enjoy it..... some of us may be stung a bit by it!

"The TV set is my shepherd; my spiritual growth shall waver. It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for his name sake because it requires all my spare time. It keepeth me from doing my duties because it presents so many good shows I must see.

It restores my knowledge of the things of the world, and keepeth me from worrying about the needs of the world. It leadeth me in the paths of failing to attend the teachers meeting and choir practice and doing anything in the Kingdom of God.

Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep on viewing my TV so long as it will work, for it is my closest companion. It's sounds and its pictures, they comfort me. It presenteth good entertainment before me and keepeth me from spending too much time with my family. It fills my head with ideas which differ from those in the Bible. Surely every good thing will come into my life and I will dwell in front of the tube forever."

(copied)

See you Sunday -- same time, same channel!

Love,

Dick

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SERMON - "The New Covenant In My Blood"

TEXT - I Corinthians 11:23-25

This Sunday is World Wide Communion Sunday. Though the forms of the celebration differ from church to church, all Christians share this sacrament in common. We all understand the words "Do this in remembrance of me". But what do Jesus' words, "this is the new covenant in my blood" mean? We will examine these words and their implication for all mankind this Sunday.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30 A.M. Youth Paper Drive

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
(Brief Congregational  
Meeting after each  
worship service.)

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30 A.M. Old Testament Seminar

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:15 P.M. Old Testament Seminar

7:00 P.M. Jolly Jesters for Christ

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:30 A.M. Ruth Group

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00 P.M. Starshine

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Mrs.  
Cecil Rice, 3402 River  
Forest Drive  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

Dear Friends,

In the next few weeks, the Stewardship Committee will be asking us all for pledges, in order that we can produce a budget for next year.

In your pledging, I ask you to remember that the economic problems afflicting many of us here are much more serious in other parts of our society, and throughout the world. These people need our help now, more than ever before.

"Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required"

Luke 12:48

Mike Mullen, Outreach & Service

# YOU...TH NEWS

CYF and Chi Rho will be meeting this Sunday night!

## CLOTHING DONATIONS REQUESTED

Once again the Deborah Circle is collecting warm clothing for our friends in Africa. The climate is much like that in Fort Wayne, but many people go naked! Warm clothing in any sizes will be appreciated -- at any time. It is stored in the large closet just inside the door of the Grades 2 & 3 Sunday School room downstairs. If a pick-up is needed, please call Nancy Wyant at 456-7995. Can you help?

## MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Oct. 3-9

Bruce Stone (3)  
Becky Stucky (3)  
Kathlyn Banet (4)  
Tim Evans (4)  
Jean McGrew (5)  
Doug Rogers (5)  
Earl Plummer (6)  
Ruby Kolkman (7)  
Eileen Klepfer (8)  
Joseph Overmyer (9)  
Bill Johnson (9)

## PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS FOOD!

Within the last three months, we have helped 213 families or a total of 3,500 meals. Through your generosity, we have been able to serve these families. If you want to donate any food, a box will be in fellowship hall Sunday. Those who have been giving, your help has been greatly appreciated.



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## D.M.A. COLOR TOUR

The Don't Mention Age Group will be going on an all day color tour Tuesday, October 12. We will leave at 7:30 A.M. and return in the evening. The cost for transportation is \$7.50. Also, bring money for lunch and supper (we will stop along the way). Call the office to make a reservation.

## OOPS, WE GOOFED!

We forgot to have the congregational meeting that was scheduled after first service last Sunday. We did meet after second service, but we want to be certain everyone has the opportunity to participate. Therefore, we will meet after first service this Sunday.

## PAPER DRIVE A SUCCESS

The Christian Youth Fellowship wishes to thank the congregation for its support of the recent paper drive. The youth earned \$91.00, which means they have reached their goal for the R.I.M. trip later this month.

Papers are no longer being collected because they are bringing so little and because they pose a fire hazard at the church. Thanks for your help in past drives.

DEACONS MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 7:15 P.M. at the church. Review of changes in service and of procedures and responsibilities.

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**SERVING OCTOBER 10**

**ELDERS**

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and  
Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and  
Sam Hayes

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, B. Grimm-  
NW, B. Briggs, J. Briggs

10:45 A.M. R. Flickinger-SW, K.  
Flickinger-NW, J. Stucky-SE, R.  
Krull-NE, W. Johnson, P. Mullen,  
M. Mullen, K. Place

**USHERS**

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
S. Johnson, M. Crouse

**GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP**

8:15 A.M. Fred & Rychie Smell

10:45 A.M. Bette Haines and  
Rosemary Krull

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

B. Taylor - B. Briggs

C. Rice - K. Place

G. Miller - M. Mullen

V. Taylor - R. Krull

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Jim Stucky & Eunice Conrad

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

Eileen Klepfer, Marilyn Byers and  
Mildred Tharp

**IN HOSPITALS**

**LUTHERAN:**

CC - Mrs. Laura Marks

668 - Mr. Marion Ellis

**ST. JOSEPH:**

490 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox

567 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

505 - Mrs. Helen Sheerin

**PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:**

Cereal, Crackers, Powdered Milk,  
Canned Fruit, Noodles, Meat

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**THANK YOU'S**

*Just a note to thank those who visited me or sent messages to me during my three week stay in the hospital, especially to Rev. Hamm, for his visits and prayers, also to Mrs. Janet Weicker, for prayer and poem, and to Karen Flickinger for her visit and the gift by the Kindergarten class. God bless all.*

*Thelma Haxton*

*Isn't it nice to walk into the church building and know exactly where you are going? Thanks go out to Harold Hamm, father of our Richard Hamm for the lovely signs. We all appreciate the handiwork!*

**LAY VISITATION TRAINING**

If you are interested in learning how to be a better visitor of the sick and shut-ins, an excellent workshop is being sponsored by the St. Joseph's Hospital Pastoral Care Department. The sessions will be on Tuesdays or Thursdays, evenings, in November. There is also a program to orient persons interested in lay ministry hospital visitation. For more information, call the church office.

**ASSOCIATE SEARCH COMMITTEE NOW FORMING**

If you have persons to suggest to serve on the Associate Search Committee, please make those suggestions to the church office or to Herb Banet (744-0486) by this Sunday, October 10. Your input will be appreciated by the Lay Personnel Committee.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

One of the outreach ministries of First Christian Church of which you may not be aware is our clown ministry. "The Jolly Jesters for Christ". The Jesters appear frequently in nursing homes and hospitals, spreading a message of joy and caring. A few weeks ago one evening I was at the church and received a call. A gruff female voice asked curtley, "Is this First Christian Church?" I said, "yes it is." She asked, again curtley, "Is this the church where those clowns, the Jolly Jesters, are from?" Yes mam." I braced myself for some kind of a complaint. The caller said, "Well, I just want you to know that they are here at our nursing home now, and we just think they're wonderful! Thank you so much for sponsoring such a group." "Thank you, mam." Made my day!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

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VISITORS IN WORSHIP 10-3-82

Miss Linda Johnson, 7222 Springhill; Mr. Ken Hawkins, 1922 St. Louis; Grace Elliott, San Antonio, Texas; Mr. Chuck DeVine, Indianapolis, IN; Mary Claypool, 3836 Euclid; Mr. Jack Jones, 103 Church, Ossian, IN; Mrs. Deborah Fremion, 918 Pasadena Dr.; Mr. & Mrs. Curt Woods, 4610 Fairfield, Mrs. Barbara Pappas, 4610 Fairfield, June Mullins, Cape Carol, FL.; Todd Rayl, 7116 Rose Ann Pkwy.

SERMON:

"ON SCIENCE & THE BIBLE"  
Psalm 19:1-4

Recently, the newspapers have been full of stories about trials around the country where groups have sued for the right to have so called "creationism" presented alongside evolution in our children's text books. What is the difference between science and religion? How should a Bible believing Christian regard science?

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTERS:

If you have a message for the recording secretary be sure to put it on the envelope instead of the check. She never sees the checks. Please use your envelopes. If you don't we have to write one for you. If you use an envelope from the pew be sure to write your name on the outside of the envelope.

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George Davis



## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study  
Group

1:30 A.M. Fellowship Guild

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

7:15 P.M. Deacons Meeting

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00 P.M. Starshine

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group at Elinor  
Place, 10744 U.S. 27  
South, Lot 155

7:30 P.M. Martha Group at Rosemary  
Krull, 3466 S. Washing-  
ton Rd.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:30 A.M. Rachael Group at church

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### AFTERNOON WOMEN'S STUDY

This Bible study book is titled "A Woman's Workshop on Faith." It focuses on various aspects of a woman's life and seeks to help her become all God intends her to be. The workbook format is arranged to encourage written responses. Child care provided if needed. Call the church office to enroll for the class and to indicate need for babysitting. Pick up books in the office and read chapter 1 for October 20. Bring the book and your Bible to class. Book cost-\$1.50; Date-October 20 (Wednesdays) 8 sessions; Time-1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Leader-Karen Flickinger.

## YOU...TH NEWS

Those who sponsored youth in the Woodhaven Starv-a-thon and who have not yet made their contribution are asked to do so as soon as possible. Thanks.

The Youth groups will have regular meetings this week!

### TALENT SHOW COMING!

Mark your calendars! We will have a talent show on January 16. Now is the time to "get your act together"! More later.

HOMEBOUND MEALS is in need of volunteer drivers in both the south and north sections of Fort Wayne.

If you have some extra time once a week or even once a month, call Betty Grimm (456-7808) for information.

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Oct. 10-16

Kathy Graham (10)

Candace Cole (10)

Mildred Hogg (10)

Doris Koehlinger (11)

M. Robert Beachley (11)

Gary Parkerson (11)

Terry Speicher (11)

Jim Taylor (11)

Mamie Caldwell (12)

Anne Lee (12)

Charles Wrisk (13)

Tammy Davis (13)

James Bramel (14)

Lorea Kuhlman (14)

Edna M. Vaught (15)

Charles Harshbarger (15)

Eric A. Baugher (16)

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## MUSIC AWARENESS SUNDAY

This Sunday is Music Awareness Sunday. The entire service will be given to praise through singing and instrumental music. Many favorite hymns will be sung.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We were delighted to welcome the Westerfield family Sunday as they officially joined". Wes and Mimi transferred their membership. Daughter ail, who is a freshman at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, came by confession of faith. Welcome to you each!

## A THANK YOU FROM AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

A thank you was received from the American Bible Society for the gift of \$150.00 from First Christian Church. The gift will be used for their work in Haiti, where the people have so little and need so much. In this densely populated country voodoo has long thrived. Fear and superstition enslave many in spiritual darkness.

But thanks to wonderful Christians, churches and literacy centers throughout Haiti will have the reading materials they so desperately need. Many may now find fresh opportunities for better lives, and most importantly, the people will learn about the Lord Jesus and discover the same joy and fulfillment you and I have found in reading His Word.

We praise the Lord for the support of friends like you, and we rejoice in the many opportunities God is giving us to share His Word with people throughout the World. Thank you!

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# SERVING OCTOBER 17

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and  
Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Eugene Klepfer and  
Ralph Church

## DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, M.  
Wilhelm-NW, M. Hutchinson, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. K. Rogers-SW, D. Rogers-  
NW, N. Lucas-SE, B. Kerley-NE, S.  
Knuckles, J. Jump, E. Conrad, E.  
Klepfer

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
J. Glasgow, B. Hix

## GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Reba & Earl Fusselman

10:45 A.M. Don & Vee Parlette

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jim Stucky & Eunice Conrad

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jim & Becky Stucky

## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

221 - Mr. Charles Wrisk

688 - Mrs. Laura Marks

### ST. JOSEPH:

490 - Mrs. Irene Current

505 - Mrs. Helen Sheerin

### PARKVIEW:

212 - Mrs. Deb Rinker

We have received word that Ralph Keller underwent heart surgery on October 1 in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. He will be recuperating at his son's home for awhile before returning to Fort Wayne. He is doing well.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON October 24 after 10:45 A.M. worship service.

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING on October 31 after each worship service. BRIEF!

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE on Monday, October 18 at 7:15 P.M.

LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE on Tuesday, October 19, at 7:15 P.M.

## LAY VISITATION TRAINING

If you are interested in learning how to be a better visitor of the sick and shut-ins, an excellent workshop is being sponsored by the St. Joseph's Hospital Pastoral Care Department. The sessions will be on Tuesdays or Thursdays, evenings, in November. There is also a program to orient persons interested in lay ministry hospital visitation. For more information, call the church office.

## VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-10

Dana Wampler, Lexington, KY; Carol Meyer, Clinton, IN; Dorothy Stickle, Greencastle, IN; Esther Johnson, Robinson, ILL; Mr. & Mrs. Clay Orchard, Noblesville, IN; Mr. & Mrs. L. Jackson, Mohican Trail, Ft. Wayne, Jamie, Julie, & Jennifer Hawkins, 6426 Hackberry Dr.; Miss Jane Cuellar, 607 Pasedena Dr.

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# FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As I have said before, worship is absolutely central for the Church and for individual Christians. Worship is the "power house" which generates the energy in need to be faithful servants of God throughout the week.

How do we come to worship? Do we come to be entertained, bored, or to avoid guilt? Or do we come to participate and to receive a blessing? A friend of mine printed the following "Ten Rules For Worship" which I wish to share with you.

1. Worship begins as I close the door to my home. On the way, I pray for my church, for my minister, and for those who worship far and near.
2. Before I enter the House of God, I pause a moment that I may cast off and leave outside all things and thoughts unbecoming to a child of my Heavenly Father's: hates, grudges, frettings, worldly cares, and sinful thoughts.
3. The moment I enter the door of The Sanctuary I cease all conversation. I come in silence, for great things arise out of quietness and minister to me and to those about me.
4. As soon as I am seated, I bow my head in prayer. I pray for others as well as for myself. I pray for my church and its great causes. I ask God to be near me now.
5. I join in the singing of hymns. I think about the words of the hymns and let their meaning and spirit go down to the roots of my soul.
6. As I lay my offering on the plate, I say a prayer of thanks for my money and I ask God's blessing on its use here and in the uttermost parts of the earth.
7. Throughout the service I think of God as power, peace, strength, love. He is all I need for life as it should be.
8. I listen as my minister preaches from God's Word and I seek to apply his message to my life. I pray for him as he preaches.
9. When the service has ended, in Christian friendliness I speak to those whom I know and also to those who are strangers to me.
10. As I pass through the outer portals I dedicate my life to walk this week the high road with Christ.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
"MUSICAL AWARENESS  
SUNDAY"

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 P.M. Calling Night  
7:15 P.M. By-Laws Committee

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:15 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group  
7:00 P.M. Starshine

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

*Anna and Bill Taylor are headed south this week, moving to Florida. Our prayers go with them, and we will miss them dearly. Their new address is: Village Green Apts, # 517, P.O. Box 21, Fedhaven, Florida-33854.*

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Oct. 17-23

Herb Banet (17)  
Lillian Breeden (17)  
Ruth Ogles (17)  
Dan Flickinger (17)  
Fred Warner (18)  
Deanna Roseberry (20)  
Leotha Jones (21)  
Rebecca Patton (21)  
William Love (22)  
Paula Meadows (23)  
Don Pomeroy (23)

### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, P-NUT BUTTER,  
POWDERED MILK, CRACKERS &  
TUNA

The Worship Committee along with the Senior Pastor strive to make each worship service a meaningful experience for the whole congregation. We seek out the needs, we make plans, we set goals, and we even dream dreams for the congregation of First Christian Church. Changes in the worship service, Music Awareness Sunday, October 17, and using lay people in leadership roles, reflect our thoughts for some of the needs of the Church.

And there is more to come!

Love In Christ,  
Delores Keebortz  
Worship Chairwoman

### KITTY APPEARS

The Membership Department has decided to have a kitty on hand at coffee hour and other fellowship events so that those who can and who wish to do so, may make a contribution for coffee.

HOMEBOUND MEALS is in need of volunteer drivers in both the south and north sections of Fort Wayne.

If you have some extra time once a week or even once a month, call Betty Grimm (456-7808) for information.

*Dear Friends of First,*

*Thank you so much for the cards, prayers, and all the support shown for me and my family in the time of our bereavement. It was a great help to us.*

*Ann Hayes*

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## FELLOWSHIP DINNER - November 3

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## EVANGELISM GOAL FOR 1983

Before looking at 1983, let us take stock of where we are now. We have had 18 additions in 1982 but to offset that we have had 24 losses. In other words we are 6 members smaller than we were last year. Statistics show that we have been a gradually shrinking congregation.

The purpose of the Evangelism Committee is to change that image into one that is more fitting for a growing, vital congregation.

In terms of the 1983 Budget we need to advertise, i.e., newspaper, yellow pages, hotel directories. We need literature to use in calling in the homes of visitors. We need a brochure to tell the story of First Christian. The neighborhood should receive special mailings that lift up our activities. These are basic tools we need to function.

We hope to have 13 more new members in 1982. But in 1983 our goal is 50!! Evangelism is introducing people to Jesus Christ and we need to let people know they can meet Him at First Christian Church.

Judy Church, Chairwoman  
Evangelism Committee

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - October 24, after 10:45 A.M. Service.  
SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - October 31, after each Worship Service.



## SERVING OCTOBER 24

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and  
Mildred Hartman  
10:45 A.M. Ennis Brown and  
Rolland Ripple

### DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, J. Briggs-  
NW, V. Brown, B. Grimm  
10:45 A.M. M. Callahan-SW, B. Wyant-  
NW, G. Falbe-SE, K. Place-NE, M.  
Finkhousen, L. Finkhousen, M. Crouse,  
W. Johnson

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
B. Lehman  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
S. White, T. York

### GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Bill & Myrtle DeVinney  
10:45 A.M. Mike & Shirley Callahan

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Keebortz - J. Bickel  
C. Ludwig - K. Flickinger  
L. York - Wm. Wyant  
M. Bixenman - D. Rogers

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Chip Olson and Bill Kerley

COFFEE HOUR will be in honor of

Jack, Pam, Danny, & Emily Bickel

### IN HOSPITALS

#### LUTHERAN:

688 - Mrs. Laura Marks

#### ST. JOSEPH:

490 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox

We regret that Art Mowery's death was not reported in the Tidings. His funeral was at the church, Sunday, October 3. Our prayers are with the family in this difficult time.

We are happy to report that Ralph and Jackie Keller have arrived home after an extended stay in Kentucky where Ralph had heart surgery. Welcome home!

## THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS

Thanks to Bruce Lehman for serving as softball team coach this summer! Also, congratulations to Steve Creager, who was honored yesterday with the "Spirit" award.

David & Deborah Rinker are the proud parents of Brian Michael born on October 7, 1982.

Bobbi & James Joseph are the proud parents of Cristi Marie born on October 8, 1982.

### BAKER'S

Would you like to participate in the Lord's Supper by baking bread? We need leavened loaves as well as unleavened. If you would like to serve in this way for one month this year, please call the church office. Thank you.

### SERMON AVAILABLE

There were many requests for copies of the sermon "On Science & The Bible". Copies may be picked up in the Narthex or the window outside the office.

### AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

Mr. Bruce Madinger, 2535 Brookside Pkwy., S.D.; Miss Jean Secor, New Orleans, L.A.; Eddie, Ellen, Evelyn & Eunice Soden, 228 Winding Way, Lynchburg, VA; Miss Lisa Hutchinson, Bloomington, IN.

### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, CRACKERS, P-NUT BUTTER, SOUP, POWDERED MILK

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

So many wonderful and appreciative comments were heard after Music Awareness Sunday! I enjoyed it, too. Aren't we fortunate to have such a fine choir, and so many talented soloists and instrumentalists? "First" is indeed blessed with music.

In addition, I want to express, again, my appreciation to this congregation for your openness. So far as I know, not a single complaint was heard about how things were "different" Sunday. Everyone just launched in and enjoyed something different. That's great. This is a fun church to serve!

I hope everyone will plan to come to the Fellowship Dinner, November 3, because it is a rare opportunity!

See you Sunday!

Love,



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Defense, Disarmament, & the Divine: Dare To Dialogue

Sponsored by the Associated Churches, this is a weekend program October 30 and 31 to help Christians confront the issues surrounding the arms race. The program is in three parts: Saturday, October 30, 9:00 - 12:30 P.M., at Salem United Church of Christ, there will be workshops on nuclear issues; Saturday evening, 7:30 P.M., at First Presbyterian Church, the One Act morality play, "Dunbar's Bremen" will be presented; and on Sunday, October 31, at Plymouth Congregational Church, 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. there will be an open forum and closing worship.

In the shadows of missiles and steeples, you are invited to dialogue with people expert in medicine, science, military strategy, and economics about the issues of Defense and disarmament. The program is designed to provide information and to encourage serious consideration of the relation between these issues and the Judeo-Christian faith.

Call the church office for more information and/or to register!

UNICEF

Our boys and girls will be collecting for UNICEF at the coffee hours Oct. 24 and 31, and in their own neighborhoods during the Halloween season. Won't you help in this endeavor of children to help children? Did you know that 1700 children in our world die each hour for lack of food, medicine, and water? \$9.00 collected through UNICEF can prevent one child's death by providing food, medicine, and water for one month. What a bargain!

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AFTER

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning

Study Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:15 P.M. All Committee Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

7:00 P.M. Starshine

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:15 P.M. Elder's Meeting

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

Thank you for the many cards, visits and espeically for your prayers during my present illness and confinement at St. Joseph's Hospital. Your acts of loving concern are truly an extension of the great love our Heavenly Father has for us all.

God Bless you,  
Irene Current Fox

## MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Oct. 24-30

Dawn Ketner (24)

Thomas Mathis (25)

J. Fred Smell (26)

Carolyn Bernhard (27)

Susan Creager (28)

Deborah Rinker (29)

Jeffrey Grier (30)

Ben Taylor (30)

Hazel Cleaver (30)

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# USED CLOTHING NEEDED, GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Church Women United will be gathering used clothing (no shoes, purses, or fancy hats, please) for persons in need around the world on World Community Day, November 5. We also need 15¢ per pound shipping charge. This clothing will be given through Church World Service. Bring items boxed (not in plastic bags, please) with you to the luncheon Nov. 5, or to the church in advance of that time, clearly marked, World Community Day. In addition, those who wish to give money instead may purchase gift certificates in any amount. These will be on sale at the luncheon Nov. 5, or Miriam Bixenman will have them at the Coffee Hour Oct. 24 and 31.

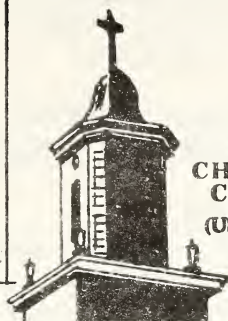
## WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

The Church Women United celebration of World Community Day this year will be here at First Christian. There will be a luncheon at 12:00 noon, Friday, November 5. Cost is \$3.50. Since we are the hostesses this year, we need to have a number of our women on hand. Several will be helping with the meal, but others are needed to be here just to help our guests feel at home. Won't you make your reservation along with your money for the meal with Pat Mullen, CWF, President; Connie Wells, who is chairman of the program committee this year; Miriam Bixenman, chairman of the meal; or in the church office before November 1? A fine program has been planned!



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## HALLOWEEN PARTY!

This Sunday, October 31, 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. at the church, there will be a frightfully enjoyable Halloween party for kids of all ages. Come in costume -- prizes for the best! Games, movies, a ghost story! Bring your favorite record.

Parents are asked to bring treats. Thanks to Doug Rogers and Betty Briggs for coming up with this!

## FAMILY STRATEGIES TO COPE WITH ECONOMIC STRESS

Sponsored by Southside Churches

Due to the current state of the economy, many families are facing the challenge of survival. The choices families make during times of crisis often determine the quality of family life long after the crisis has ended. "Problem-solving" families are surviving families. "Blame-placing" families intensify the despair created by stressful events. This workshop will offer an analysis of family problem-solving styles and teach new strategies to guide the family toward positive solutions in these stressful times. Dates: November 3, 10, December 1, 8 (Wednesdays). Time: 6:00-7:30 P.M. Place: First Christian Church, 4800 S. Calhoun (Calhoun and Pettit). Fee: None. A Public Service Presentation. Facilitators: Roy Whitehead, MSW and Madge Martin, MSW. Call 744-3239 to register.

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Jack Weicker  
10:45 A.M. Laura York and  
Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Briggs-SW, M. Hutch-  
inson-NW, M. Wilhelm, J. Hendricks  
10:45 A.M. N. Lucas-SW, B. Kerley-  
NW, R. Flickinger-SE, K. Flickinger-  
NE, S. Knuckles, J. Jump, E. Klepfer,  
R. Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
C. Schnobel, K. Mory

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Gini & Ennis Brown  
10:45 A.M. Geneva Ferguson and  
Walter Bowen

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M. Bixenman, P. Buskirk, P. Tobias

IN HOSPITALS

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ST. JOSEPH:

490 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox

PARKVIEW:

270 - Mr. Troy Yeoman

CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations to Ken and Linda  
Hawkins, friends of First Christian  
Church, who were married last week-  
end!*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

There is still some room in the  
Wednesday afternoon Bible Study,  
1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Child care is  
provided. Come join in.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK IN  
SOUTH BEND

Pray for the success of this  
important gathering!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER  
BOTH SERVICES SUNDAY

PANTRY SHOWER

Each year, during the month  
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our Thanksgiving observance,  
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bring them forward during the  
offertory and place them there.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP  
10-24-82

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Reel, Flat-  
rock, N.C.; Jeff Johnson, 7222  
Springhill; Mrs. Lorraine Roy,  
13303 Ewing, Leo, IN; Laurence  
& Micheal Newell, 1630 W. Gold-  
spur Dr.; Mr. George Perkins,  
Anchorage, KY.

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Some perfect churches  
there may be,  
But none of them are  
known to me;  
Yet we will work and  
pray and plan  
To make our church  
the best we can.

Coming together is a beginning;  
Keeping together is progress;  
Working together is success.

Contributed by Bruce Lehman

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### FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

First Christian Church is proud of the fact that they were among the first to establish a Pantry Program in Fort Wayne. We have kept up this program now for 10 or more years, and during the last few years have added the Food Bank Program, a city wide program operated through a number of churches, where most of the churches in town help contribute food to the bank nearest them, and still we have maintained our own Pantry program in cooperation with the Welfare Department. The Thanksgiving season is a season when each of us gives special thanks for the bounty God has bestowed upon us, and helping to supply the Pantry is one way of showing our thankfulness. Will you bring items of food to share during the month of November, especially? These may be placed on the chancel any Sunday, but on November 21, our children will go into the congregation to gather the food and bring it to the chancel.

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### MEMBERSHIP GOAL FOR 1983

Our main project this year is a new Membership Pictorial Directory. We are also involved in getting the membership roles up to date so that we know ourselves and thereby become closer and thus better friends.

Dinners of 8 and a listing of all church activities and the Fellowship Dinner Sponsorship pretty well covers the tasks for the rest of the year.

### SAVE THOSE STAMPS!

There is a new box to receive used postage stamps in the window at the bottom of the stairs by the kitchen. Bette Gerrard Jones is again handling this project. LARGE COMMEMORATIVE stamps are the most profitable but others are needed such as Foreign, airmail, precanceled, special delivery. Do not save the current regular stamp nor any of a lower denomination. Cut margin of paper around the stamp. NO CLIPPED TOPS; NO TORN EDGES please. Church World Service nutrition programs continue to benefit from this project.



## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING AFTER EACH WORSHIP SERVICE.

3:00 P.M. Halloween Party

### MONDAY, November 1

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

### TUESDAY, November 2

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group at the church

### WEDNESDAY, November 2

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

6:30 P.M. Fellowship Dinner

7:00 P.M. Starshine

### THURSDAY, November 3

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Kathlyn  
Banet-933 Oakdale Avenue

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

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### ATTENTION SENIOR MEMBERS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

PRN is a transportation service for senior members. The service begins November 1. For more information call 486-2761.

A one time yearly fee will pay for all ambulatory and wheelchair transportation for medical appointments.

The initial enrollment period ends December 31, 1982. Join before October 31 and save \$5.00. A one year subscription fee is \$65.00. This program is designed for residents of Fort Wayne.

### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-NUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK,  
CANNED FRUIT, CANNED PEAS

### Junior and Senior High Students On Way To Florida

Nine Youth from our high school fellowship (CYF) and four from our junior high fellowship (Chi-Rho) are on the R.I.M. (Retreat In Motion) trip this weekend. We wish them a fun time and a significant growth experience. They worked hard for the money to do this event and are grateful for the congregation's support of their various fund raisers leading up to this trip! Liz and Wayne Johnson, CYF Sponsors, are with them. Thanks Wayne and Liz.

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Oct. 31-Nov.

Charles Schnobel (31)

Gary Falbe (31)

Helen Foltz (31)

August Mueller (31)

James Shirley (31)

Shari Eme (1)

Herdis Helmuth (1)

Coleen Wilcoxson (1)

Joe Wiley (1)

Violet Wuthrich (1)

Judy Church (2)

Audrey Corkwell (2)

Bill Wyant (3)

Jack Brickley (3)

Ron Feaser (3)

Bruce Finkhousen (4)

Marie Pritchard (4)

Ruth Stone (4)

Alfred Pattengale (5)

John Phillips (5)

Tony York (5)

Martha Christy (5)

Teresa Wagner (6)

Ennis Brown (6)

Jeannette Grier (6)

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## INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH?

The pastor will offer a four week course beginning November 7, Sunday, 9:30 A.M., in the church parlor (north of sanctuary). There is no obligation for participants to join the church, but it is a great opportunity to explore the meaning of the faith and church membership. Members and non-members are both welcome, in fact.

We'll look at the history of the Christian Church briefly, discuss Communion, Baptism, and the nature of faith. Bring your questions and come join us. Even if you have to miss a session of the four, join us for what you can. Call Dr. Hamm, 744-3239, if you have any questions.

## PANTRY SHOWER

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL EMPHASIS

Memories of childhood Sunday School return frequently. I remember flannel boards, "Jesus Loves Me", birthday pennies in the world globe bank for outreach, standing to recite the 23rd Psalm or John 3:16. Most of all I remember Opal Futrell, my teacher. What will be our children's memories of Sunday mornings? Why not help them start their own memories this Sunday and renew your own?

Nena Lucas, Chairwoman  
Christian Education Committee

SERVING NOVEMBER 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack & Janet Weicker

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and  
Rolland Ripple

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Stucky-SW, J. Frank-  
lin-NW, M. Busse, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. W. Johnson-SW, J. Bick-  
el-NW, P. Mullen-SE, M. Mullen-NE,  
D. Rogers, K. Rogers, E. Conrad,  
G. Falbe

USHERS

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D. Pomeroy

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B. Haines, S. Johnson

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Jeannie Feltenberger &  
Jessie Fern Woodward

10:45 A.M. Edna & Harold Nordblom

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B. Pauley - D. Church

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490 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox

613 - Mrs. Lillian Breeden

PARKVIEW:

270 - Mr. Troy Yeoman

RIVERVIEW:

Mrs. Laura Marks

THANK YOU

*I wish to thank everyone who  
called on me during my recent  
illness at St. Joseph Hospital.  
Ralph Reynolds*

ASSOCIATE MINISTER SEARCH  
COMMITTEE ELECTED

In meetings Sunday, the fol-  
lowing persons were elected to  
serve on the Search Committee  
for an Associate Minister:  
Miriam Bixenman, Shirley Cal-  
lahan, Gary Falbe, Ron Flick-  
inger, Beverly Hendricks, Jim  
Jump, Pat Mullen, Becca Olson,  
and Tony York.

PRISON TOUR NOVEMBER 15

Laura York and Judy Church  
will be touring the Indiana  
Women's Prison in Indianapolis  
on November 15. This is a  
special area of concern for  
CWF this year. Clothing is  
needed because uniforms are  
not issued. Jeans, tops, coats  
and jackets are needed. Craft  
materials, personal items, re-  
creational items can also be  
used. Anyone wishing to do-  
nate these things, please bring  
them to the church by No-  
vember 14.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP  
10-31-82

*Bill & Jean Chappell, 10411  
Antelope; Mrs. James Foster,  
112 S. Smith St., Boswell, IN.*

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

P-NUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK,  
CANNED FRUIT, MEAT, CRACKERS



FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

There's been a lot of bad press lately for the various Councils of Churches. I have eluded to this before, so I guess you know where I stand.

If you would like to know more about the work of the National Council of Churches, tune in Sunday, November 7, Noon, on WANE-TV, Channel 15. Bishop James Armstrong of the United Methodist Church, who is currently serving as President of the N.C.C. will be answering questions about the Council. Incidentally, I will be on the program, too.

My appreciation goes to Mel Phillips for filling the pulpit Sunday. As the "new kid on the block", I am really impressed with the Associated Churches and with Mel's work.

The Regional Assembly was a fine experience. There were outstanding speakers and the fellowship was good, too. I hope more of us will take advantage of this event two years from now. I think there were 11 total from First present.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

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#### Willis VanAlstine Bequest

Willis VanAlstine was a member of First Christian Church for nearly 50 years, having joined in 1923. He died December 18, 1981. Although he is no longer present among us, his faith and commitment to the church continues to be manifested, for First Christian Church has received nearly \$20,000 from his estate.

Part of the money is being used to do some long overdue energy-efficiency work on our facility. Thermostatic valves on the steam system, R-30 insulation throughout the ceilings, and fans on the sanctuary ceiling are all a part of this work. The payback on these improvements is estimated to be 3-4 years, which means more of our annual budgets will be going toward mission and ministry rather than for wasted energy.....a double witness to Willis VanAlstine's commitment. We give thanks for him.

Have you considered making First Christian a part of your will? This is a great way to witness to what is most important to you and to praise God.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study  
Group

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at  
Morgan's Restaurant

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

7:00 P.M. Starshine

7:30 P.M. Martha Group at Sandy  
Zimmerman's, 4223 Beaver

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group at Opal  
Carper's, 535 High St.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:30 A.M. Rachael Group at church

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

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### *MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Nov. 7-13*

*Ruby Boxell (7)*

*James Evans (7)*

*Pam Bickel (8)*

*Ingrid Mosier (8)*

*Emma Schell (9)*

*Marilyn McDougale (11)*

*Beth Schilling (11)*

*Diane Miller (11)*

*Linda Lou Breeden (13)*

*Linda Pressley (13)*

*Leon Johns (13)*

*Shirley Callahan (13)*

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## GOOD BOOKS ON SALE

Christian Literature Week begins next Sunday, November 7. We will have a book display set up in the Fellowship Hall where you may browse and purchase books after both services. Books will be available on a wide variety of Christian topics including: personal growth, bible study, spiritual living, and prayer as well as some children's books. This will be an excellent opportunity to add some good books to your personal library.

P.S.--Books also make great Christmas gifts!

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

"Property" is less glamorous, perhaps, than other areas of church work. Nevertheless, the church's property is an essential tool for many of the church's ministries and programs. An attractive, well kept building helps to bring and keep new persons to the fellowship, so property is evangelistic. Many community service programs, such as the pantry, are operated out of our facility, so property is mission. The sanctuary helps to inspire us, so property is worship.

Buildings should never become "ends" in themselves, but they are certainly "means" to help achieve our goals as the people of God. The 1983 budget will help to keep our facilities operating efficiently.

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## MEN'S RALLY

All men are invited to Saturn Christian Church on November 18, Thursday, 6:30 P.M., for an evening of fellowship and a look at the new congregation establishment program of the Region. Cost - \$4.00. Please call the church office (744-3239) to register!

## POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

The worship committee is planning to use poinsettias to decorate the Chancel during the Advent Christmas Season. We will purchase these plants from one florist at approximately \$7.99 each. These plants or any amount desired (less than \$7.99 is fine) may be donated in memory or to honor a person or persons. We will list these in the Tidings. Indicate your desire to participate by calling the church office. Donations of any amount should be clearly marked "Poinsettias".

## SUNDAY'S SERMON - "THE UNUSED KEY"

What are the "Keys to the Kingdom". Which key is least used?



SERVING NOVEMBER 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ennis Brown and  
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Mildred Hartman and  
Sam Hayes

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, M. Wilhelm-NW, J. Hendricks, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen-SW, L. Finkhousen-NW, N. Lucas-SE, B.

Kerley-NE, S. Knuckles, J. Jump,  
E. Klepfer, M. Callahan

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
M. Crouse, J. Glasgow

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Alice & Russell Sturgis

10:45 A.M. Marilyn Byers & Gene  
Klepfer

COMMUNION PREPARATION

John & Betty Briggs

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mabel Watson & Grace Truby

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

669 - Mr. Don Pomeroy

563 - Mrs. Amelia Dare

668 - Mr. Ed Ellis

ST. JOSEPH:

561 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds

PARKVIEW:

270 - Mr. Troy Yeoman

RIVERVIEW:

Mrs. Laura Marks

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered Milk, Crackers, Canned  
Fruit, Canned Soup, P-Nut Butter

SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is  
extended to Carole Overmyer  
and her mother in the death of  
Carole's father, Saturday.

Also, our prayers are with  
the family of Irene Current  
Fox, who died Friday. Dr.  
Hamm conducted services for  
her on Monday.

THANK YOU'S

Our thanks to Bruce Stone  
and Charles Ludwig who helped  
make our new fans possible at  
less than ordinary prices!

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY  
AVAILABLE

The first new directory in  
three years is now finished.  
You may pick up your copy in  
the fellowship hall Sunday, or  
during the next week.

ASSOCIATE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Committee will meet Tue-  
sday, November 18, 6:30 P.M.,  
at the church.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP  
11-7-82

Mr. & Mrs. Chester E. Bowman,  
4136 Cadena Lane; Miss Cindy  
Irvin, 1025 Rudisill; Ruth  
Hill, 1025 Rudisill; Mr. Wes  
Dirr, 6135 Lundada; Mrs. Mabel  
Terbush, Pinellas Park, FL;  
Denise Rorick, 514 Broadway,  
New Haven, IN; Mrs. Betty Lam-  
bert, 15 Dell Florence Home.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We had the largest worship attendance this week of any Sunday since last Easter. That's moving in the right direction! We can begin to truly fill the sanctuary if we all make the effort to invite our friends, co-workers, and families to worship.

The Associate Search Committee has begun its task. Hopefully we will have someone here shortly after the first of the year. An associate who is expert in youth work and Christian Education is essential, as these are primary keys to First Christian's growth. We want to staff for growth, not for stagnation or decline. This is the time for us to take the future by the horns!

I've said it before, but I'll say it again. This congregation is so responsive that it is really a joy to preach here. I appreciate the feedback and comments on Sunday mornings.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

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#### CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK

Christian Literature Week ends this Sunday. The book display will be set up in the Fellowship Hall after both services where you may purchase books. Books on a wide variety of Christian topics such as: personal growth, bible study, spiritual living and prayer, as well as some children's books are included in the consignment we have to order from. You may also order copies of study guides to the Old and New Testaments which have been recommended by Dick. This is an excellent opportunity to add good books to your library -- or buy one to donate to our church library.

#### WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS: Floods in India

Unusually severe because heavy winter snows in Himalayas. CASA (Church's Auxiliary for Social Action) expected disaster, stockpiled in preparation, sent survey teams and help immediately. Your Week of Compassion offering, through Church World Service, helped make preparation possible....is responding to new appeal.

Over 10 million people affected in Uttar Pradesh, 10 million Orissa, 5 million Bihar, 75,000 Madhya Pradesh, 890 families Assam. Millions hectares crops damaged, houses collapsed, roads, bridges, irrigation projects damaged, protective embankments breached....Standard relief kits distributed (one each: sari, dhoti, blanket, set cooking utensils), shelters provided, inoculations, water purification tablets, other medicines; operating food-for-work program and providing materials for rebuilding houses.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group  
7:00 P.M. Starshine  
7:15 P.M. Elder's Meeting

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 P.M. Search Committee  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

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## NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

You will soon be contacted regarding picture taking for a new pictorial directory. We hope to get everyone in this book.

More later!

## TO THOSE INTERESTED

Tilly McNamee is in the hospital at 1100 W. Michigan, I.U. Hospital, Indianapolis, IN 46223. She is a former member of First Christian.

## PLEASE NOTE

There are still newspapers being brought to the church and we are no longer collecting them. PLEASE DO NOT BRING NEWSPAPERS TO THE CHURCH!

Thank you.

## OPEN INVITATION

All friends and members of First Christian Church are invited to the voice recital of Sara Davis, on Sunday, November 21 at 3:00 P.M. in Ness Hall Auditorium at the IU-PU Fort Wayne Campus.

This recital is one requirement towards Sara's degree.

## LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

It is the job of the Lay Personnel Committee to fill various leadership positions for First Christian Church. The Committee nominates officers, elders, deacons, deaconesses, chairpersons of the functional committees and special committees. We also assist the chairpersons to find members for their respective committees.

First Christian Church can be alive and growing only when its members are willing to share their time and talents in Christian service. Each of us has a contribution to make to the life of First Christian Church.

## TEACHER TRAINING SESSION

All teachers of youth and children are requested to be present for a training event led by Dr. Hamm on Monday, November 15, 7:15 - 8:45 P.M., at the church. Other interested persons are welcome, as well.

## MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Nov. 14-20

Melissa Orr (14)  
Jim Hudlow (14)  
Ethel Allen (16)  
Tom Meadows (16)  
Bernie Norman (16)  
Robert Corkwell (18)  
Muriel Crouse (19)

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## HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 28, is the first Sunday of Advent and at 5:30 P.M., we will have the annual "Hanging of the Greens" in the sanctuary. Come and catch the spirit of Advent with your church family!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We were delighted to have Ken Perkins and Linda Peterson transfer their membership to First. Ken transferred from a church here in Fort Wayne. Linda brings her letter from Terre Haute. Ken lives with his parents at 4201 Fairfield, 46807. Linda lives at 8231 Sunny Lane, 46815, phone - 486-3265. Welcome to you both!

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CHOIR MUSICAL

Sunday, December 5, 5:15 P.M., the Chancel Choir will present a program of Christmas music. The IPFW Dicken's Dinner Brass Quintet will begin with a fifteen minute brass prelude. Many featured performers will participate including Joyce Bauserman, IPFW harp major.

The program will be followed by a dessert buffet. Will every lady of the church please donate 1 or possibly 2 desserts. It can be brought to the church Sunday morning to worship or to the musical Sunday evening. Everyone is welcome. Don't miss this one!

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - PLEASE BRING OR MAIL YOUR PLEDGE TO THE CHURCH! YOUR PLEDGE COUNTS!

MEETING NIGHT - Tuesday, November 23, 7:15 - 8:45 P.M. All committees except Pastoral Relations Committee,

# SERVING NOVEMBER 21

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and  
Bob Pauley

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and  
Laura York

## DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Olson-SW, J. Young-  
NW, J. Briggs, B. Briggs

10:45 A.M. B. Wyant-SW, K. Place-  
NW, G. Falbe-SE, K. Flickinger-NE,  
R. Flickinger, J. Bickel, P. Mul-  
len, M. Mullen

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
B. Hix, S. White

## GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Bill & Mamie Caldwell

10:45 A.M. Becky & John Glasgow

## HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

E. Brown - V. Brown

J. Church - K. Flickinger

V. Taylor - T. Harter

C. Rice - J. Stucky

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Pat & Mike Mullen

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mark & Pauline Snyder

## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

694 - Mr. Ed Ellis

ICU - Mrs. Amelia Dare

### PARKVIEW:

710 - Mr. Troy Yeoman

452 - Mrs. Ruth Eiler

### RIVERVIEW:

Mrs. Laura Marks

## PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, SOUP, POW-  
DERED MILK

Dear Christian Friends,

We want to thank all of you  
for your prayers and cards  
during Arthur's illness and  
passing away. A special thank  
you to Dick Hamm, Janet Weick-  
er and Karen Flickinger for  
their hospital visits and the  
beautiful memorial service.  
God has blessed us richly with  
your friendship.

In Christ's Love,

The Arthur Mowery Family

## CONCERNS

Word comes from Venice,  
Florida of the illness of Hen-  
ry McCandless who is hospital-  
ized. You may write Verna-  
belle at 5770 Forsythia Rd.,  
Venice, Florida 33595.

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING

Did you ever see someone in  
the church and wonder what  
their name was? Have you ever  
been introduced to someone and  
forgotten their name by the  
next Sunday? We are going to  
eliminate these situations. We  
are doing a new pictorial di-  
rectory. Each family of the  
church will be asked to have  
their picture taken and placed  
in our pictorial directory. It  
will not cost you anything to  
have your picture taken and  
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10:45 A.M.			
DIACON			
8:15 A.M.	November 28	29	30
NW, J. Briggs	First Sunday of Advent	John 1:1-5	Isaiah
10:45 A.M.	Worship - 8:15 & 10:45	& 14	63:15-19
NW, G. Falbo	Light Prophecy Candle		
R. Flickinger	Church School 9:30		
len, M. Muller	Baby Dedication Service - 10:45		
	Hanging of the Greens - 5:00		
	Scripture - Romans 13:11-14		
8:15 A.M.	December 5	6	7
10:45 A.M.	Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah	Isaiah
B. Hix, S. V	Worship - 8:15 & 10:45	10:33	11:6-9
GREETING	Light Bethlehem Candle	11:5	
8:15 A.M.	Church School - 9:30		
10:45 A.M.	Choir Musical - 5:30 - Desert		
	Smorgasbord Following		
HOMILY	Micah 4:14		
E. J.	December 12	13	14
J. C.	Third Sunday of Advent	Mallachi	Hebrews
V. C.	Worship - 8:15 & 10:45	2:7 3:5	1:1-4
C. J.	Light Shepherds Candle		
COMMUNION	Church School - 9:30		
Pat	All Church Caroling - 5:30 -		
COFFEE	Refreshments Following		
Mark	Psalm 126		
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LUTHERAN:	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Luke	Luke
694 - Mr.	Worship - 8:15 & 10:45	1:39-45	1:46-55
ICU - Mrs.	Light Angel Candle		
PARKVIEW:	Church School - 9:30		
710 - Mr.	Caroling - State School Afternoon		
452 - Mrs.	Isaiah 7:10-17		
RIVERVIEW:	December 26	27	28
Mrs.	Worship - 8:15 & 10:45		
	Church School - 9:30		
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## FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It may be hard to believe but Advent is only a week away (beginning November 28). We have some truly outstanding Advent worship services and events coming up. I hope you'll join your "First" family for all you can.

I'd like to thank Karen Flickinger and Janet Weicker for their faithful calling on our hospitalized patients. This is a great service to us all and greatly appreciated.

We are reinstituting a prayer chain at First. Anyone in the church may request that their concern be lifted up by those in the chain. If you would like to be a part of the chain, or if you have a concern you would like to have prayed for, give the church office a call. This is one more way we can support one another.

Please remember to bring your pledge Sunday, for much depends upon it, whatever the amount.

See you Sunday.

Love,



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As we think about Thanksgiving there is not a better way to show our love than to share the bounty God has given us. Donations of food for our Pantry/Food Bank is a special opportunity we have to share with many less fortunate. Remember children, November 21 is your special Sunday to bring your gifts and to collect food items from the congregation during the 10:45 A.M. service. Let's fill the chancel with food!

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SUNDAY SERMON: "THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE". -- John 14:1-16

There are many "ways", many "truths", many styles of life which are offered to us by various religions, cults, and sects. How can Jesus claim he is the way, the truth, the life? And in what sense is he these things?

### NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

Sorry, they didn't make it last week, but the directories are now available for you to pick up. Please get the one with your name on it. Thanks.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study  
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:15 P.M. All Committee Meeting

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

OFFICE CLOSED

Thanksgiving day is once again upon us, with all the tradition it symbolizes. Can't we just visualize the turkey, brown and golden, the stuffing, the cranberry sauce, the etc., etc. It really is a fine tradition, but for Christians everywhere it should symbolize more than just a turkey dinner, family gathering and football games. We are all called, at this time, to stop, step back and really assess our blessings, not superficially, but at the deepest levels. Along with thanking God for his gifts to us, comes the responsibility to return to him in hand. To share a special Thanksgiving offering as part of our responsibility to the Outreach and Service of First Christian Church. May God add his blessings to our gifts gratefully given.

### THANK YOU

I want to thank all the good people who visited and prayed for me while I was in the hospital.

May God Bless you All.

August Mueller

## DEADLINE FOR POINSETTIA

The Worship Committee has set deadline for informing the church office of your intentions to provide a Poinsettia for the Sanctuary during the Advent-Christmas Season. The deadline is December 6. The plants will be approximately \$7. each. Any amount may be donated. These plants may be donated in memory or to honor someone or just as a gift. After December 19, they will be taken to our hospitalization and shut-ins.

## AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP

11-14-82

Katherine E. Craig; Mr. Dave Anderson, 331 W. Gump; Dick & Erma Vanderwall, 2019 Forest Downs Drive; Mrs. Ocie Mattax, 118 Northwood Lane; Apt. #1, Bluffton, IN; Mrs. Margaret Williams, 1402 Deerbrook Circle; Bluffton, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Alton Bouse, R.R. 1, Box 4, Claypool, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Underhill, Huntington, IN; Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hagar, Decatur, IN.

## MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Nov. 21-27

Lee Higgins (21)

Laura York (21)

Margaret Leversee (22)

Roger Parkerson (22)

Nellie Buchanan (24)

Charles Greer (25)

Marlene Crouse (25)

Ron Flickinger (25)

Joan Ott (25)

Elva Stephans (25)

Jo Ellen Hendrickson (26)

Frederick Sheets (26)

Jerry Ferguson (27)

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jack Jones came by transfer from Calvary Baptist in Logansport, IN. He resides with his new wife (formerly Bette Gerrard) at 103 Church St., Ossian, Indiana.

Stan and Gloria Horine came by transfer also: Stan from Rigden, U.M., Gloria from Trinity English Lutheran. They reside at 365 E. Hoover, 46816. Their phone is 744-0901.

Welcome to you each!

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## ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Beginning this Sunday, Dr. Hamm will preach a series of four sermons based on the prophetic name given to the savior by Isaiah, "Emmanuel", which means "God With Us." This Sunday, "God With Us In The World." Text: Psalm 139:7-10, Matthew 1:23.

CALLED BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, November 30 at 7:30 P.M.



**SERVING NOVEMBER 28**

**ELDERS**

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and  
William Franklin

10:45 A.M.

Eugene Klepfer

**DIACONATE & GREETERS**

8:15 A.M. V. Brown-SW, D. Church-  
NW, M. Hutchinson, J. Hendricks

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles-SW, J. Jump-  
NW, B. Kerley-SE, M. Callahan-NE, E.  
Conrad, K. Rogers, D. Rogers, W.  
Johnson

**USHERS**

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith  
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
T. York, C. Schnobel

**GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP**

8:15 A.M. Margaret Snouffer

10:45 A.M. Doris & Jack Sauerwein

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Pat & Mike Mullen

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

Harold & Edna Nordblom

**IN HOSPITALS**

**LUTHERAN:**

627 - Mrs. Amelia Dare

**PARKVIEW:**

710 - Mr. Troy Yeoman

**RIVERVIEW:**

Mrs. Laura Marks

**CHURCH PICTURE PLATES**

Do you have an extra one of these? Over the last several years almost 500 china plates, with a picture of our church on each, were sold by the members of the Progressive Class, and the supply has been exhausted. Since that time we have had a least three requests for a copy.

If you have an extra one which you would like to sell, please contact either Gwynth Rice (747-2662) or the church office (744-3239).

**DEADLINE FOR POINSETTIA**

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**THEME CONTEST**

We need a theme for our new pictorial directory. If you have a suggestion, please send or call it in to the church office by December 12. A winner will be announced. Eg. Discovering Christ at First Christian: in worship, service, ministry, etc. (but we can be more creative than this).

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

The new Membership Directory Books are ready to be picked up. They are on a table in Fellowship Hall. Get your copy this Sunday!

**PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:**

POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT,  
P-NUT BUTTER, NOODLES, CEREAL

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

How wonderful to see the choir loft completely filled Sunday. We are truly blessed with music at First! "Thank you" to every member of the Chancel Choir and to Ann Hayes, Director. The Children's Choir did a fine job under Shirley Callahan's leadership, too.

Attendance was excellent yesterday and three more persons joined the church. That's pretty tough to beat! There were many, many pledge cards offered up Sunday. Hopefully, we can finish the whole emphasis this week. As soon as we have the figures together, we'll report the total, but I'm very optimistic.

My family and I will be out of town Thursday through Saturday, but we'll be back Sunday. In case of an emergency Thursday, call me at 317-798-3576. Friday and Saturday, call 447-5691.

I hope you are getting enthused about Advent. It's here! Come to worship and get enthused!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

P.S. Our church directory program is moving along very smoothly. This week you will receive a telephone call concerning an appointment time to have your picture taken. I want everyone to say "yes" to the caller, so that you can be pictured in the directory. Your cooperation is needed to make this program a success.

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#### ADVENT - To Celebrate At Home Too!

Advent is the time during which we prepare ourselves for the Christmas Event! It helps us to keep shopping and the annual "bustle" in perspective and to truly prepare our spirits to receive the Christ child. Advent begins on Sunday, November 28 this year.

One way to enhance our celebration is to have an Advent wreath in our home. This can be done very simply. Just make a green wreath of whatever size you wish (we have one which is 12 inches in diameter so it fits on our dining table). Then insert 4 purple candles evenly spaced around the wreath, and add a single white candle in the center.

On each Sunday of Advent, light one additional purple candle. Then, on Christmas Eve Day, and the Sunday after Christmas, light the white Christ candle. As you light the candles, read a portion of the Christmas story from Scripture (Matthew or Luke), and offer a prayer of thanks for God's love and His gift of the Light of the World.

Dick

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship-  
Baby Dedication  
5:30 P.M. Hanging of the Greens

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 P.M. Called Board Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

7:00 P.M. Starshine

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Mrs. J.  
Fred Smell, 4126 Rox-  
ton Lane

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

## CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS

Send your Christmas greetings to our Church family with one card addressed to the church. They will be placed on two attractive banners located in the narthex, and relayed to everyone in the Tidings. The money you save on cards and postage by not mailing to all your church friends will be sent to the Emily Flinn Home for the aged in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home in Ohio. Sign one card, include your donation (if check make payable to First Christian Church) and send or bring it to the church office. This is our "Special over and above love gift" to our Benevolent Homes.

## NEEDED - CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The Worship Committee asks that if members have Christmas decorations they will not use, to please loan them to the church. Bring them to the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday Evening, November 28.

## LAST SUNDAY! PANTRY-FOOD BANK

This Thanksgiving season we all have a special opportunity to share in the Pantry-Food Bank program of First Christian Church. As we count our blessings may we remember those less fortunate. Jesus taught us to love. Love is simply caring and sharing in action. Our goal is to fill the Chancel area with food so during the Weeks to come we can reach out and touch and say we do care because we love you. The children are reminded that this is their special Sunday to bring their food items. They will bring them to the front at the time of the Childrens Sermonette. They will also go to the congregation and collect the items they have brought. Let's fill the Chancel area with food this Sunday.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING BEGINS DECEMBER 5

Children from Nursery III (4 and 5 year olds) through 5th grade will begin having a Sunday School opening exercise in the fellowship hall Sunday, December 5, 9:30 A.M. sharp. Please have your child in the fellowship hall at 9:30 A.M.!

## MEMBERS FOR PRAYER 11-28-12-4

Ken Perkins (28)

Mary Sue Ludwig (28)

James Clausen (29)

Opal Perkins (29)

Bethel Breeden (1)

Cindy Akers (3)

Wayne Phillips (3) Donna Johnson

Karen Flickinger (4)

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## Here We Go A-Caroling!

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## Children's Sunday School Opening Begins December 5

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## Special Christmas Choir Musical

Sunday, December 5, 5:15 P.M., the Chancel Choir will present a program of Christmas music. The IPFW Dicken's Dinner Brass Quintet will begin with a fifteen minute brass prelude. Many featured performers will participate including Joyce Bauserman, IPFW harp major.

The program will be followed by a dessert buffet. Will every lady of the church please donate 1 or possibly 2 desserts. It can be brought to the church Sunday morning to worship or to the musical Sunday evening. Everyone is welcome. Don't miss this one!

## Christmas Card Greetings

Send your Christmas greetings to our Church family with one card addressed to the church. They will be placed on two attractive banners located in the narthex, and relayed to everyone in the Tidings. The money you save on cards and postage by not mailing to all your church friends will be sent to the Emily Flinn Home for the aged in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home in Ohio. Sign one card, include your donation (if check make payable to First Christian Church) and send or bring it to the church office. This is our "Special over and above love gift" to our Benevolent Homes.

BOARD MEETING - The Board will meet, as usual, Tuesday, December 7, at 7:30 P.M.

# SERVING DECEMBER 5

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and

Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and

Rolland Ripple

## DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, B. Grimm-

NW, J. Young, M. Wilhelm

10:45 A.M. J. Franklin-SW, J.

Stucky-NW, M. Finkhousen-SE, L.

Finkhousen-NE, N. Lucas, E. Klepfer,

M. Crouse, G. Falbe

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,

B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,

B. Haines, S. Johnson

## GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M. Betty Harter

## HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

B. Pauley - G. Falbe

D. Keebortz - J. Young

E. Klepfer - M. Callahan

Wm. Johnson - M. Hutchinson

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rosemary Krull & Susan Knuckles

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jim & Leesa Jump

## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

627 - Mrs. Amelia Dare

### PARKVIEW:

710 - Mr. Troy Yeoman

Pl65 - Laurie Thompson

### ST. JOSEPH:

719 - Mr. Robert Hendricks

### RIVERVIEW:

Mrs. Laura Marks

## SMYPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Barb  
Hayes in the recent death of her  
aunt, Dorothy Bleeke.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the following  
people who assisted in prepar-  
ing the Advent Mailing that  
appeared in nearly 9,000 homes  
this past week: Betty Grimm,  
Eileen Klepfer, Mildred Tharp,  
Gwynth Rice, Dorothy Schmidt,  
Earl Plummer, Ethel Shroyer,  
Pat Mullen, Sandy Zimmerman,  
and Val Taylor.

## DEADLINE FOR POINSETTIA

The Worship Committee has  
set a deadline for informing  
the church office of your in-  
tentions to provide a Poin-  
settia for the Sanctuary dur-  
ing the Advent-Christmas Sea-  
son. The deadline is December  
6. The plants will be approx-  
imately \$7.99 each. Any amou-  
nt may be donated. These  
plants may be donated in mem-  
ory or to honor someone or  
just as a gift. After Decem-  
ber 19, they will be taken to  
our hospitalized and shut-ins.

## AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 11-28-82

Leigh Westerfield, 736 E.  
3rd St., Bloomington, IN; Mrs.  
Betty Saxton, 5403 Riviera Dr.;  
Mr. Donald Kolkman, 1316 Union,  
John & Laurie Cohrs, 2421 Cort-  
land; Thomas, Lucinda, Beth &  
Tom Foltz, 11130 Norwich Dr.,  
New Concord, OH; Mrs. Marjorie  
Cox, 112 Medusa Ct., Syracuse,  
IN; Miss Sheila Shirey, 3211  
Senate Avenue.

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## C.W.F. Christmas Meeting & Luncheon

The C.W.F. Christmas Meeting and Luncheon will be this Saturday, December 4, at 11:30 A.M. There will be a special Christmas program, "Three Women of Bethlehem", under the direction of Mildred Hartman, C.W.F. worship director. Each lady is asked to bring a Christmas appetizer or snack for the smorgasbord luncheon. Please bring your own table service. Come and enjoy this specially planned Christmas program and luncheon with us.

## THEME CONTEST

We need a theme for our new pictorial directory -- something that will capture the new direction and enthusiasm. Please send or call in your theme by December 12. A winner will be announced. (Eg. Discovering Christ at First Christian in worship, service, ministry, etc. (but we can be more creative than this)).

## TALENT SHOW

An All-Church Talent Show is coming January 16! All kinds of acts, skits, etc. are needed. If you or your group would like to participate, please sign up on the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall by December 19. Sponsored by C.Y.F. Questions, call Bob Briggs at 478-1012.

6 MEMBERS OF OUR CLOWN TROOP, "The Jolly Jesters For Christ", cheered up the Pediatrics floor at Lutheran Hospital last Sunday! This is an Outreach Ministry at First Christian Church.

## CALLING - ALL - LADIES -- HELP!

On December 5 our Chancel Choir will be presenting a Christmas Musical Program followed by a dessert smorgasbord. The Worship Committee is asking every Lady of our Congregation to donate one or if possible two desserts. Last year the Musical Drama and smorgasbord attracted approximately 240 people. We expect that many and more this year. These desserts may be brought Sunday morning as you come to worship or Sunday evening.

## COOPERATION NEEDED-----

### A SPECIAL REQUEST

Would parents please help in keeping their children off the stage during coffee hour or when they have food? Kool-aid is being spilled and now, since we have curtains that are long enough, it could easily be spilled on them. The cost of dry cleaning and rehangng would be costly. Let's keep our stage and stage curtains in good order. Your help is needed!

## PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

The Progressive Class is planning a party in Fellowship Hall, on Friday, December 10. It will start with a carry-in dinner at 6:30 P.M. Meat, rolls, and beverages will be provided. Members bring own table service and covered dishes. Also each person bring 48 cookies for the cookie walk. Each person should go home with quite a variety of cookies. Fun and Fellowship will follow the meal.

SUNDAY'S SERMON - "GOD WITH US IN OUR DECISIONS"

Text - Psalm 23:1,3b, Isaiah 7:14



## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast  
11:30 A.M. CWF Christmas Party

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
5:15 P.M. Christmas Choir Musical

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study  
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:30 A.M. Ruth Group at Reba  
Fusselman-6309 Bluffton  
Road

11:30 A.M. Rebecca group at Club  
Olympia

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group

7:00 P.M. Starshine

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group at Nancy  
Wyant-502 Corwin Lane

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:30 A.M. Rachel Group at the  
Church

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

If you were not contacted to arrange an appointment for your portrait, please call the church office immediately, as the photographer will be here this weekend. Some have unlisted numbers. Please call, as we want to get everyone in the new directory!

### BAPTISM

Congratulations to Gail Westfield who was baptized Sunday. She made her confession of faith in September before leaving for Transylvania Univ. She has returned to school this week, but we'll see her again at Christmas break.

### YOU...TH NEWS

The C.Y.F. and Chi Rho will be participating in the church's advent programs this month, so there will be no regular meetings in December except C.Y.F. will meet the 19th at 5:30 P.M. to plan Youth Sunday. It is essential that all C.Y.F.ers be present for this planning session.

### HELP

Our refugee family has need of winter clothing for their small children. Needed are warm clothes for two 18 month olds, one 12 month old, and one 3 year old. Please bring your contribution to the church office. Thank you.

The Outreach Committee

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Dec. 5-11

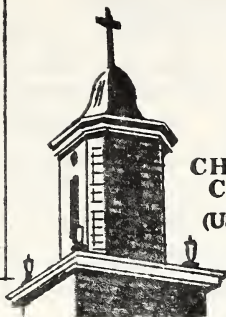
Mildred Arruza (6)  
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Brenda Hiatt (7)  
Sue Kerley (7)  
Lois Coleman (8)  
Clifton Bowman (9)  
Sandra Elser (9)  
Wayne Johnson (9)  
Rosemary Day (10)  
Bill Franklin (10)  
Ruth O'Laughlin (10)  
Rolland Ripple (11)  
Laura Sauerwein (11)  
Mabel Shinn (11)

### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Powdered Milk, P-Nut Butter,  
Canned Fruit, Cereal, Noodles

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## D.M.A. CHRISTMAS DINNER AND TOUR

The D.M.A. will meet at the church Tuesday, December 14, at 5:00 P.M. sharp at the church for a Christmas Dinner at Bill Knapps and a tour of the lights. The bus is already full, but if you would like to go, please call the church office and we will put you on a stand-by list in case of cancellations. Cost is \$1.00 for transportation, plus each pays for his or her own meal.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST CHANGED

The Men's Breakfast group will begin meeting every other Wednesday at 6:30 A.M. at the church beginning January 5. The group will not meet again until then.

## SERVING DECEMBER 12

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bob Pauley and  
Mark Snyder  
10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and  
Val Taylor

### DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Briggs-SW, B. Briggs-  
NW, C. Olson, V. Brown  
10:45 A.M. J. Bickel-SW, J. Jump-  
NW, P. Mullen-SE, R. Flickinger-NE,  
K. Flickinger, M. Mullen, B. Wyant,  
R. Krull

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
M. Crouse

### GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Jane Hahn  
10:45 A.M. Ben & Val Taylor

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rosemary Krull & Susan Knuckles

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

John & Kris Ohneck

## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

ICC - Mr. Clover Branstrator  
696 - Mrs. Laura Marks

### ST. JOSEPH:

719 - Mr. Bob Hendricks  
623 - Mrs. Lillian Breeden

### PARKVIEW:

710 - Mr. Troy Yoeman

## SYMPATHY

*Our sympathy is extended to Carole  
Overmyer in the death of her cousin.*

## PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, P-NUT BUTTER,  
CEREAL

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

*I wish to express my sincere  
thanks to all of the volun-  
teers who helped organize and  
conduct the photography for  
our Directory. A special hug  
and thanks to our "Mildreds",  
Hutchinson and Hartman. They  
were instrumental in all  
phases of this project.*

*Love,*

*Bruce Lehman*

## NOTICE TO SHUT-INS

If you were unable to get to  
the church to have your pic-  
ture taken for the new picto-  
rial directory, and would like  
to have someone come to your  
home to take your picture,  
please call the church office  
this week, 744-3239. Thank  
you.

## THEME CONTEST

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Discovering Christ at First  
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ministry, etc. (but we can be  
more creative than this.)

## AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 12-5-82

*Mr. William Sneden, Miss She-  
rri Best, Miss Kerry Dykers,  
919 Wilt St.; Mrs. Robert Staats,  
1236 Daly Dr., New Haven, IN.*



## POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

- In Memory of Elwood (Bud) Haines  
by Bette Haines
- In Memory of Paul Truby  
by Grace Truby
- In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Heidecker and Mrs. Grace Simpson  
by Pearl Heidecker
- In Memory of Glen L. Edgington  
by Wilberta Edgington
- In Memory of George Bicknell  
by Julia Bicknell
- In Memory of Maurice Cook  
by Mary E. Cook
- In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Sargent  
by Josephine Weyer
- In Memory of Leona Smith  
by Arza Smith
- In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Smith  
by Mr. & Mrs. Don Smith
- In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Shroyer  
by Ethel Shroyer
- In Memory of Arthur Mowery  
by Arthur Mowery Family
- In Memory of R. Earl Zimmerman  
by Jerry Zimmerman Family
- In Memory of Grandparents  
by Jim & Becky Stucky
- In Memory of Harry Ashe and Leona Schnobel  
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Schnobel
- In Memory of Red Howell  
by Margaret Snouffer
- In Memory of John Gerrard and Dorothy Jones  
by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jones
- In Memory of Charles (Cappie) Eckert  
by Kirby & Jody Brown
- In Memory of Robert Rayl and Donnie Glenn Rayl  
by Marilyn Rayl

## GIFTS FROM:

- A friend  
Delores Keebortz  
The "Mildreds", Hutchinson and Hartman  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Huddleston  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Keller  
Miriam Bixenman  
Peg Buskirk  
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Klepfer  
Hazel Cleaver  
Mr. & Mrs. George Bruckman
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## HEART OF THE BIBLE

The Chrysalis Class invites you to participate in Ed Bauman's study series on tape entitled "Heart of the Bible." This is a 13 week course beginning Sunday, December 12. The purpose of this course is to explore thirteen key passages which contain the heart of the Biblical message about God and his purpose for human life.

The class will meet in the North end of the Parlor at 9:30 A.M. The lecture on tape will begin at 9:45. Discussion will follow until 10:30 closing. This class is open to anyone who is interested.

## CHURCH PICTURE PLATES

Do you have an extra one of these? Over the last several years almost 500 china plates, with a picture of our church on each, were sold by the members of the Progressive Class, and the supply has been exhausted. Since that time we have had at least three requests for a copy. If you have an extra one, which you would like to sell please contact either Gwynth Rice-747-2662 or the church office-744-3239.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
5:30 P.M. Caroling

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild  
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:00 P.M. D.M.A. to Bill Knapps

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group  
6:30 P.M. Martha Group at Laura  
Yorks, 6008 Arlene Ave.  
7:00 P.M. Starshine

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:15 P.M. Elder's Meeting  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

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### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Dec. 12-18

Sara L. Davis (12)  
Harley Meadows (15)  
David Overby (15)  
Randy Hunt (16)  
Debbie Stam (16)  
Frances Eckert (17)  
Thelma Haxton (17)

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## TALENT SHOW

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### SOCKS-MITTENS-HAT-TREE

Again this year there will be one tree in Fellowship Hall that is bare. Let's make it beautiful and decorate it with warm socks, mittens, and hats. After the holiday season these items will be sent to Christian Childrens Home in Cleveland.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

The following persons have sent one card to the congregation as their Christmas Greeting. The cards are displayed on banners in the Narthex.

Gwynth A. Rice

The Parlettes, Don, Valetta,

Doris & Tiffany Margot

Jack & Janet Weicker

Carole Overmyer

Earl & Reba Fusselman

Ethel Birkhold

Gini & Ennis Brown

Fred & Rychie Smell

Bette Haines

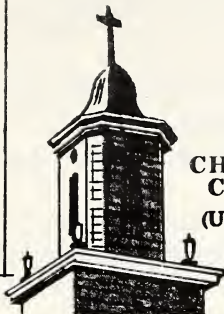
August Mueller

Dither Glass

Dick, Barb, & Marcie Johnson

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Family Service at 7:00 P.M., including birthday celebration for the children.

Candlelight Communion Service at 11:00 P.M. These services provide a great opportunity to bring friends and relatives.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome home to Dick & Erma Vanderwall, Jane and Grady, all of whom transferred their membership to First this Sunday. Seek them out and wish them welcome. They reside at 2019 Forest Downs Drive, 46815. Phone 749-5449.

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING RECEIVED

First Christian contributed \$736.86 to the special Thanksgiving offering for mission. This is over and above that which we send through our budget. Thank you for giving generously, as always!

## NO CAROLING

We will not be going to the State School to carol this year. We will plan to go next year, however.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School (4 years - 5th grade) is now beginning at 9:30 A.M. sharp in Fellowship Hall with an opening exercise. Please arrive on time to enhance your child's Sunday School experience!

NOTE: Due to the holiday season, there will not be any Committee Meetings in December.



SERVING DECEMBER 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy & Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and  
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, M.

Wilhelm-NW, M. Hutchinson, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. K. Place-SW, K. Rogers-  
NW, D. Rogers-SE, B. Kerley-NE, S.  
Knuckles, M. Callahan, W. Johnson,  
N. Lucas

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
J. Glasgow, B. Hix

GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Reba & Earl Fusselman

10:45 A.M. Glenn & Lola Miller

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

S. Hayes - S. Knuckles

Jt. Weicker - N. Lucas

- P. Mullen

L. York - J. Franklin

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Nena Lucas & Julia Hendricks

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696 - Mrs. Laura Marks

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719 - Mr. Bob Hendricks

217 - Mrs. Lillian Breeden

AT HOME

Troy Yeoman

Amelia Dare

TO THE RACHEL GROUP

A great Big Thanks for the nice  
Christmas present and a Merry  
Christmas & Happy New Year.

August Mueller

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CONGRATULATIONS PARENTS AND  
GRANDPARENTS

Scott & Deseree Rayl are the  
proud new parents of a girl,  
Brittany Suzanne weighing 8  
lb. 12 ounces, (the first  
granddaughter for Marilyn  
Rayl!).

Jack & Janet Weicker's daugh-  
ter in Detroit gave birth to a  
7½ lb. boy. All are doing  
well.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Henry & Ethel Flowers cor-  
dially invite the members of  
First Christian Church to an  
open house, Sunday, December  
26, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M., at their  
home, 7418 Antebellum Blvd.  
No gifts please.

Congratulations to Henry &  
Ethel as they celebrate 50  
years together.

NOTICE:

A man named Harold Ramsey, a  
vagrant who lives by bilking  
churches, may call on you by  
phone or in person. If you  
hear from this man, do not  
give him anything. If he  
comes to your door, do not let  
him in. He is about 30 years  
old, tall, with dark features  
and poor grooming.

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP  
12-12-82

Anna Thompson, 3812 Stafford  
Drive; Todd Fleck, 437 Arcadia  
Court; Mr. & Mrs. David Clay-  
pool, 3836 Euclid.

PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT,  
P-NUT BUTTER, CEREAL

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I am delighted with our Advent Season. We have had fine attendance at all regular and special services, people joining the church, and some truly inspiring special programs. We filled two buses for caroling Sunday night.

I promised a report on Stewardship. There is good news! It appears that we will be able to hire an associate in 1983! Among the pledges, there were many new ones, and nearly half raised their pledge substantially. This is a real show of faith in First Christians future and personally, I appreciate it very much. While we still have an operating deficit for 1982, this should be eliminated by the time we call an associate. There are still a few pledgers to be heard from, and these are important, also, to assure the future.

I hope your sense of anticipation is growing apace as we prepare for the celebration of the Christ event!

See you Sunday!

Love,

*Dick*

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ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

Margaret & Bill Love; The Wyants, Bill, Nancy, & Shannon; Hazel Cleaver; Gladys Hoop; Geneva Ferguson; Mary Cook; Walter Bowen; Art & Florence Hudleston; Jerry, Sandy, Eric & Mark Zimmerman; The Grimms, Merle, Betty, Steve & Bruce; Lozier & Betty Ziegler; Charline Craig; Grace Truby; Miriam Bixenman, Peggy Buskirk; Henry & Ethel Flowers; John & Kris Ohneck & Family; Dorothy Schmidt; Bob & Bev Hendricks; Troy & Evelyn Yeoman; Glenn & Lola Miller; Carl & Mildred Linn; Fern Strole; Andy Cook; Homer & Hortense Stevenson; Bill & Hazel Crouse; and The Ben Taylor Family.

ADDITIONAL POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

Mr. August Mueller and Andy Cook.

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SERMON: "God With Us: Are We With Him?"

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Psalm 139:1-10

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study  
Group

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:00 NOON OFFICE CLOSES  
7:00 P.M. Family Service  
11:00 P.M. Candlelight Communion  
Service

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CHANCEL CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Thursday, December 16, at 6:00 P.M. at Eileen Klepfer's, 6921 Blue Mist Road. If you care to attend and haven't signed to bring a dish, please call Eileen at 747-3077 for details. Bring your own table service. Child care will be provided. We will have a short choir rehearsal along with singing carols.

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

We need persons to host the Coffee Hour. Please sign up on the list in fellowship hall. Call Opal Carper, 426-6686, if you have questions about what this involves. We need people for January 2 and beyond. Thank you.

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"A Total of 837 delegates attended the 1982 Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Indiana held in South Bend on October 29-31. The delegates represented the 260 Disciples congregations across the Region. Our local delegates included: Dick & Mindy Hamm, Ralph & Judy Church, Miriam Bixenman, Tom Knuckles, Edna Vaught, Betty Grimm, Delores Keebortz, Mildred's, George Bruckman represented Wolcott.

## COOPERATION & PATIENCE NEEDED

Since we have had the building insulated and new steam valves installed, the entire heating configuration has been changed. This means we are still learning how to heat without overheating, which is proving to be tricky.

Your patience is needed as we continue to learn. Your cooperation is needed in this way: please keep all doors in the building closed. We are heating by zones now, and it is important that each zone remain isolated from the other zones. We especially need to keep closed Sunday School doors and the doors off the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

Thank you for your help as together we strive to be good stewards of the church's money!

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Dec. 19-25

Cindy Ebetino (19)  
Albert Farrow (19)  
Tim Knuckles (19)  
Marie Atkinson (19)  
Marge Lehman (19)  
Diana Blomeke (20)  
John Morris (20)  
Cory Church (21)  
Dick Hamm (21)  
Archie Hendrick (22)  
Elaine Parrot (22)  
Diana Duly (23)  
Roger Hendrickson (23)  
William Crouse (24)  
Michael O'Laughlin (24)  
Richard Thompson (24)  
Mark Williards (24)  
Hortense Stevenson (24)  
Susan Watson (25)  
Suzette Lowenstein (25)  
Jeanne Norman (25)



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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

7:00 P.M. Family Worship featuring a birthday party for Jesus and a drama: "A Certain Small Shepherd".  
11:00 P.M. Candlelight Communion Service. Invite your friends and kin.

## THE TAX MAN COMETH

For those who wish to make contributions in time for 1982 tax credit, the church books close at 12:00 noon, December 31!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Ken and Linda Hawkins who transferred their membership from Mechanicsburg, Indiana and Lubbock, Texas. They were married here at First Christian on October 16. They reside at 7222 Springhill, 46819, 747-7942.

Also, Linda's son, Jeff Johnson, came by confession of faith. We are delighted to have this new family among us.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STAFF OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dick Hamm, Diane Johnson, Ann Hayes, Jerry Zimmerman, Shirley Callahan, Max Finkhousen, George Bruckman, Karen Flickinger.

And a happy, healthy, prosperous new year!

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# SERVING DECEMBER 26

## ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and  
Delores Keebortz  
10:45 A.M. J. Weicker and  
Sam Hayes

## DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, D. Church-  
NW, C. Olson, J. Briggs  
10:45 A.M. E. Conrad-SW, G. Falbe-  
NW, M. Crouse-SE, J. Stucky-NE, E.  
Klepfer, J. Jump, P. Mullen, M.  
Mullen

## USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
B. Lehman  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
S. White, T. York

## GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Dorothy Schmidt  
10:45 A.M. Kathy Lee and Tim  
Sauerwein

## COMMUNION PREPARATION

Nena Lucas & Julia Hendricks

## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

M-303 - Mr. Ennis Brown  
M-215 - Mrs. Mary Higgins

### ST. JOSEPH:

551 - Mr. Bob Hendricks  
425 - Mrs. Ethel Allen

### RIVERVIEW:

Mrs. Laura Marks

## AT HOME

Troy Yeoman  
Amelia Dare

## PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT, P-  
NUT BUTTER, NOODLES

## THANK YOU'S

I shall ever be grateful for the many cards and flowers, for the visits and for the prayers during my recent hospital stay. I especially appreciated the many visits of our pastor, Dick Hamm, also, of Janet Weicker, Karen Flickinger, and Bette Haines. The "Christian Clowns" were delightful! A very special thanks to Ben Taylor for the very beautiful communion service. And lastly, I wish to thank the Christmas Carol Singers for the caroling outside my home which gave me a lift and put me in the Christmas spirit. God bless you one and all.

Amelia E. Dare

Just a humble little thank you for all your prayers and love from First Christian. Especially thank you Dick, Ennis & Gini Brown, Mildred Hartman and Janet Weicker. We never would have made it without you all. God bless!

Troy & Evelyn Yeoman

## AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 12-19-82

Kenton & Geraldine Zumbaugh, South Bend, IN; Kelly Casper, 2219-1 Abbey Drive; Mrs. Flo Beachler, 2219 Dale Drive; Miss Patty Carey, 2118 Ardmore; Mrs. Dorothy Overmyer, 3919 Winter St.; Gale Warner, 4541 S. Lafayette; Mrs. Kenneth Steward, R.R. #4, Box 203, Union City, IN.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful Christmas season this has been at First Christian. I hope you are taking advantage of all the opportunities for worship and fellowship. Christmas Eve Worship will be the culmination of our preparation for the Day.

My family and I will be heading south for a few days after worship, December 26. We'll be visiting my folks in St. Petersburg. We'll be back for worship on January 9. I find this a good time for a break as people are recuperating from Christmas and the holidays and are tired of seeing the preacher! So the phone seldom rings around New Years. This will give me a chance to refresh and plan for the Lenten season. In case of emergency, however, I will be able to be reached through the church office, or through the Moderator, Ralph Church at 447-5691.

See you Sunday! May yours be a glorious Christmas and a happy healthy New Year!

Love,



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ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

Mary Wilhelm; Doris & Ralph Richard; Bill & Myrtle DeVinney; Ralph & Jackie Keller; Mrs. Fern D. Kenline; The Bill Schilling Family; Leland & Mary Higgins; The Bickels, Jack, Pam, Danny & Emily; Margaret & Bert Leversee; Maude Donohue; Jack, Doris, Tim & Laura Sauerwein; Bob & Esther Clipp; Bill & Joan Franklin; Mel, Barb, Chris & Matt Busse; Iva Imbody; Amelia Dare; Lowell & Virginia Dare; Evelyn Gaskill; Delores Overmyer; Delores & Scott Keebortz; Ed & Rosalie Hall; Al & Susan Creager, Steve, Tanya, Shannon & Scott; Don & Sarah Smith; Ethel Allen; Jack & Bette Jones; Mark & Pauline Snyder; The Bruckman's; George, Sara, Tammy & Jimmy Davis; Ralph, Judy & Dan Church.

ADDITIONAL POINSETTIA PLANTS GIVEN:

Mark & Pauline Snyder.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

7:00 P.M. Starshine

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:00 NOON Office Closes

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Dec. 26-31

Carolyn Falbe (26)  
Elizabeth Dull (26)  
Gertrude Heavin (27)  
Michele Reeves (27)  
John Flickinger (27)  
John Mathis (28)  
Steven Powell (28)  
Sarah Smith (28)  
Jack Bickel (29)  
Kathryn Lee (29)  
Lucille Branstrator (29)  
Celestia Walters (29)  
Anita Shirar (31)

### DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Mrs. Arlynn Call, Woodview Health Care, Inc., 3420 E. State Blvd. 46805 - 484-3120; Ken & Sherry Crawford have transferred their membership; Mrs. Kathryn Lee should be Miss Kathy Lee; Mr. Gus Mueller, 300 W. Berry Street, 46802 - 422-6762; Rolland & Genevieve Ripple - telephone # is 440-0584; Steve & Debbie White, 3023 Nordholme, 46805 - 484-3765.

### ADDITIONS:

Ken & Linda Hawkins, Jeff Johnson, 7222 Springhill, 46819 - 747-7942; Stan & Gloria Horine, 365 E. Hoover, 46816 - 744-0901; Jack Jones, 103 Church St., Ossian, IN 46777 - 622-4098; Ken Perkins, 4201 Fairfield, 46807 - 456-4768; Mrs. Linda Peterson, 8231 Sunny Lane, 46815 - 486-3265; Dick & Erman & Jane Vanderwall, 2019 Forest Downs Dr., 46815-749-5449; Grady Vanderwall, R. R. 1, Woodburn, IN 46797.

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## MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Breakfast group will begin meeting every other Wednesday beginning Wednesday, January 12, 6:30 A.M., at the church. All men are welcome to attend. Note that the group will begin January 12, not January 5 as previously announced.

## SEMINAR WILL SURVEY NEW TESTAMENT

The minister will be offering a "New Testament Survey" Seminar in January. The four week session will look at the structure, origins, and context of the New Testament. Evening classes will be Sundays, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M., January 9, 23, 30 and February 6. Morning sessions will be offered Mondays, January 10, 17, 24, and 31. Please register by calling the church office. Non-members welcome!

## TALENT SHOW JANUARY 16

We still need acts for the Talent Show on January 16. Please sign up in fellowship hall this Sunday or call Bob Briggs at 478-1012.

## Dr. Meredith Sprunger to Preach this Sunday

Meredith Sprunger served for many years as chairman of the Department of Psychology and later as President of the Indiana Institute of Technology. He is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ having received his B.D. at United Theological Seminary, his M. Div. at Princeton Seminary, and his Ph.D. at Purdue University. He has served several pastorates in Indiana.

Dr. Sprunger's message, "The Wine of The New Year" will be based on Mark 2:15-22.

## BOARD MEETING POSTPONED

Next month's Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, instead of January 4.

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## SERVING JANUARY 2

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and  
Delores Keebortz  
10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and  
William Franklin

### DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, M.  
Wilhelm-NW, M. Busse, B. Kerley  
10:45 A.M. M. Callahan-SW, K.  
Flickinger-NW, S. Knuckles-SE,  
N. Lucas-NE, L. Finkhousen, M.  
Finkhousen, M. Crouse, K. Place

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,  
B. Lehman  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
C. Schnobel, K. Mory

### GREETERS BEFORE WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. Steve & Bruce Grimm  
10:45 A.M. Barb Finkhousen &  
Bruce Lehman

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

E. Brown - J. Jump  
C. Ludwig - P. Mullen  
B. Pauley - J. Young  
Wm. Johnson - Wm. Kerley

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mel Busse & Jim Stucky

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

## IN HOSPITALS

### LUTHERAN:

694 - Mary Higgins  
210 - Helen Snouffer

### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Dick Mory and his family in the recent death of his mother, Thelma Mory, who died on December 26 at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

### PANTRY/FOOD BANK NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT, P-  
NUT BUTTER, NOODLES

## THANK YOU'S

Thanks to the following people who provided cupcakes for the 7:00 P.M. Service on Christmas Eve: Eunice Conrad, Hazel Crouse, Mary Cook, Edna Norblom, Mary Lou Hartzler, Becky Stucky, Esther Whitton, Janet Weicker, Pauline Snyder, and Connie Wells. Thanks!

We owe a rousing round of applause to all who helped in getting our new stage curtains up and in order. Much tender loving care was given, along with many hours of labor by Ennis Brown, Peg Buskirk, George Davis, Mildred Hartman, Mary Lou Hartzler, Bev Hendricks, Kenneth Place, Doug Rogers, Ben Taylor, Vincent Wells and Laura York.

C.W.F. was the backer of the project and supplied necessary funds. A big thank you to all!

## AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP 12-26-82

Nancy Ward, San Francisco;  
Joe Eldridge, 606 E. Rockland Rd., Libertyville, Indianapolis; Miss Danielle Henline, Lansing, MI; Mr. & Mrs. James Garrison, 12701 Redding Rd.; Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Smith, 12809 Redding Rd.; Mr. Mike Stump, 2232 Nuttman Aven.; Mrs. Wayne Huss, 1134 Lagro Dr.; Mr. Robert Kempton, 1715 Forest Valley Drive.

## LOST AND FOUND

A ladies watch was found in the kitchen about a month ago. Call the church office 744-3239 to claim it.



FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

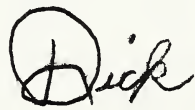
As you read this, I will be refueling and refreshing. As I mentioned in a sermon a few weeks ago, we all need some "fallow" time after spurts of creativity, and this will give me a chance to recupe before Lent is upon us. I appreciate the opportunity to see my parents and to relax.

Isn't "New's Years" a great time? Its like starting over with a "clean slate". Its an opportunity to make changes in our lifestyle: physical and spiritual changes. I hope each of us will be resolving to grow in important ways in '83, and that we will not be imprisoned by the past nor terrified by the future. The time is now. The opportunity is now.

One year ago this week, I came to Fort Wayne to meet with the Search Committee of First Christian. I saw the hand of God in that encounter, and I am more convinced than ever that God led me here. I am so very grateful to be here working with this truly delightful congregation and with a church that has so much going for it. Thank you for calling me here; I'll always try to be faithful to your trust. We all (Mindy, David, Laura, and myself) have fallen in love with Fort Wayne and with First Christian Church.

We'll see you on Sunday, January 9. I know you'll be inspired by Dr. Sprunger's message this Sunday.

Love,



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ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS TO THE CONGREGATION

Scott & Laura Berkey; Ruby Mowery; Roxy Wunderlich; Earl & Ruth Plummer; Irene Kissinger; Jane Hahn; Mary Lou Hartzler; Bill, Ginny, Scott, Jeff & Bill, II Johnson; Bethel & Lillian Breeden; Mrs. Chester Norton; Bill & Anna Taylor; Clover & Lucille Branstrator; Harold & Colyn Crowder; Matt & Jaynie Bonahoom; Terry & Sue Tibbets; Mrs. Edythe Metcalf; The Mullens, Mike, Pat, Sara & Steve; Jim Hudlow; The Jump Family, Jim, Leesa, Kristi, Kelli & Kyle; Harold & Ruby Cline; and Barbara, Don, Ryan & Mary Martha Short.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

### MONDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

9:30 A.M. Ruth Group - Hostess-  
Virginia Bruckman and  
Co-Hostess-Gladys Hoop

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

1:00 P.M. Women's Study Group  
7:00 P.M. Starshine

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

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## YOU...TH NEWS

Youth will practice for youth Sunday, on January 2, 9, 23 and 30. (Chi Rho and CYF)

### MINISTER ON VACATION

Dick will be on vacation until Saturday, January 8. He will be in the pulpit January 9. In the meantime, he may be reached in case of emergency through the church office or through Ralph Church at 447-5691.

### THE TAX MAN COMETH

For those who wish to make contributions in time for 1982 tax credit, the church books will close at 12:00 Noon, December 31!

### MEMBERS FOR PRAYER Jan. 1-9

Al Creager (2)  
Marvin Roseberry (3)  
Scott Johnson (3)  
Velma Hechler (4)  
Patricia Campbell (4)  
Ardith Wrisk (4)  
Linda Wiley (4)  
Larry Taylor (4)  
Bill Caldwell (5)  
Ramona Ketner (5)  
Milas Driver (6)  
Eva Rousseau (6)  
Sara Mullen (6)  
Kenny Taylor (7)  
Jim Heiney (8)  
Bill Schilling, Jr. (8)  
Mike Callahan (8)  
Julius L. Clausen (9)

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